

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H2010

TITLE: An Act repealing the criminalization of blasphemy.

SPONSOR: Rep. Joshua Tarsky

COSPONSOR(S): Senator Rebecca L. Rausch

HEARING DATE: May 6, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: None

SENATE BILL: S1251 (Rausch)

CURRENT LAW: Section 36 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws criminalizes the willful blaspheme of the holy name of God punishable by up to 1 year in prison or not more than a \$300 fine.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Repeals Section 36 of Chapter 272.