

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

### BILL SUMMARY

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| <b>BILL NO.</b>       | H2033                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>TITLE:</b>         | An Act relative to pill press machines                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SPONSOR:</b>       | Rep. Marcus S. Vaughan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>COSPONSORS:</b>    | Rep. Steven G. Xiarhos                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>HEARING DATE:</b>  | May 6, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>PRIOR HISTORY:</b> | H1808 (2023-2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>SENATE BILL:</b>   | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>CURRENT LAW:</b>   | <p>Section 1 of Chapter 94C defines “counterfeit substance” as a substance which is represented to be a particular controlled drug or substance but is not in fact that drug or substance. It defines “controlled substance” as a drug, substance, controlled substance analogue or immediate precursor in any schedule or class referred in the chapter.</p> <p>Section 32G Chapter 94C of the General Law prohibits the knowing or intentional creation, possession with intent to distribute and distribution of a counterfeit substance punished by incarceration for up to 1 year or a fine between \$250 and \$2,500, or both.</p> <p>Section 32I of Chapter 94C prohibits the sale, manufacture, and possession of drug paraphernalia which is defined in Section 1 as all equipment, products, devices and materials of any kind primarily used or designed for use with a controlled substance.</p> |
| <b>BILL SUMMARY:</b>  | <p>Section 1 – Adds a new subsection to Section 32G prohibiting the possession, transfer or transport of a tableting machine, an encapsulating machine or controlled substance counterfeiting materials with the knowledge, intent or reasonable cause to believe it will be used to manufacture a controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance. A violation is punished by a \$25,000 fine or 1 to 5 years incarceration, or both.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |