

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO.	H2044
TITLE:	An Act relative to petit treason
SPONSOR:	Rep. Tommy Vitolo
COSPONSORS:	None
HEARING DATE:	May 6, 2025
PRIOR HISTORY:	H1811 (2023-2024) H1916 (2021-2022)
SENATE BILL:	S1070 (DiDomenico)
CURRENT LAW:	Section 1 of Chapter 265 of the General Law defines various degrees of murder and its punishments. It states that petit treason shall be prosecuted and punishable as murder.
BILL SUMMARY:	Section 1 – This removes the language in Section 1 of Chapter 265 stating that petit treason will be prosecuted and punished as murder.