

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

### BILL SUMMARY

<b>BILL NO.</b>	H2046
<b>TITLE:</b>	An Act relative to pill press machines
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	Rep. Richard G. Wells
<b>COSPONSORS:</b>	Rep. Steven J. Ouellette
<b>HEARING DATE:</b>	May 6, 2025
<b>PRIOR HISTORY:</b>	None
<b>SENATE BILLS:</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 punishable 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 or transfer of a tableting machine, encapsulating machine, drug molds or controlled substance counterfeiting materials knowing, intending or having reasonable cause to believe that it will be used to manufacture a controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance. A violation of this section or of any regulation adopted by the Board of Pharmacy on the use or licensing of such equipment is punishable by a \$25,000 fine or 1 to 5 years’ incarceration, or both. It instructs the Board of Registration in Pharmacies to make rules and regulations for these machines and gives them permission to require their registration.</p>