

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H2659

Name: An Act to remove medical and health service fees for incarcerated people

Sponsor(s): Representative Jay Livingstone

Hearing Date: June 26th at 1PM in A2

Prior History: First Time File

Summary:

Section 1: MGL 124 section 1 (s) word change to “not charge”, the intent of the bill being to do away with all inmate charges or effective “co-pays” for medical services

Section 2: MGL 124 section 1 lines 79-80 more specific language inserted increasing the scope of medical services.

Section 3: MGL 124 section 1 Strikes out language allowing for the commissioner to charge fees for certain services and providing for certain payment exemptions

Section 4: Implementation no more than one year from approval

Section 5: Definition of medical devices and supplies covered by this act. Prohibits commissioner from charging a fee to incarcerated person for durable medical equipment or supplies

Section 6: Implementation no more than one year from approval.