

**Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary**

BILL NUMBER: H401

TITLE: An Act protecting innovation and entrepreneurship in the Commonwealth

SPONSOR(S): Hunt, Daniel

HEARING DATE: April 14, 2025

REPORTING DEADLINE: June 13, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY

(2021-2022): S2673 - Bill reported favorably by Committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means.

(2023-2024): H277 – Bill reported favorably by Committee and referred to House Steering, Policy and Scheduling; Ordered to a Third Reading.

SUMMARY

This legislation seeks to add a new chapter to the General Laws which affirmatively prohibits “bad faith” assertions of patent infringement, and details the actions that targets of bad faith patent infringement may bring in superior court, including information contained in the demand letter.