

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

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**BILL NUMBER:** H471

**TITLE:** An Act relative to the profession of fire-resistant material applicators

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**HEARING DATE:** April 29, 2025

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** June 28, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY**

(2023-2024): H397 – Accompanied a study order, see H4680.

**CURRENT LAW**

Chapter 112 of the General Laws governs the registration of certain professions and occupations in the Commonwealth; and the duties of the commissioner of occupational licensure and commissioner of public health.

Chapter 13 of the General Laws governs the division of occupational licensure and the several boards of registration in the Commonwealth.

**SUMMARY**

This legislation seeks to mandate training and license registration in the application of fire-resistant material. Any person applying fire-resistant material without a license shall be subject to a \$250 fine per violation.

Further, the legislation seeks to establish a new 7-member “Board of Examiners of Fireproofing Applicators” charged with adopting and enforcing rules and regulations governing the licensure of fireproof applicators, businesses, and teaching schools; including establishing continuing education requirements, conducting inspections, investigating complaints, and administering penalties for violations.