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An Act to Mitigate Arbovirus in the Commonwealth: Legislative History

In conducting the legislative history project, I first obtained possible information from the Massachusetts Legislature website. This included the procedural history of S. 2757, H. 4751, and H. 4650. I also obtained copies of proposed amendments and included those in a separate folder.

For press reports, I consulted the State House News Service, and included those reports under “Press Report Links – Paywall.” I also used the lobbying organization information on MassTrac to search the websites of organizations that lobbied for or against the bill. Finally, I conducted a general Google search using the phrase “An Act to Mitigate Arbovirus in the Commonwealth” and the bill numbers to search for articles.

For the Floor Documents and Conference Committee folder, I obtained the relevant House and Senate Journals, based on the procedural history of the bills, from the Massachusetts Legislature website. I also included the links to videos of House and Senate sessions from the Massachusetts Legislature website with relevant time information. Finally, I included the State House News Service session summaries. For Executive Action documents, I searched the Governor’s Press Office website.

For Committee Documents, I used the lobbying information on MassTrac to search the websites for testimony of organizations that had lobbied the bill. I also found many testimony documents through a general Google search.

Finally, I contacted Brian Rosman, the Legislative Director for the Joint Committee on Public Health. Mr. Rosman provided the following documents:

- House engrossed amendment to H. 4843
- House engrossed H. 4851, as amended

- H. 4650
- H. 4650 as redrafted by the Committee
- Draft of H. 4751

Mr. Rosman also indicated that he would be happy to discuss the bill's history, but I did not receive a reply to my follow up email.