

# SENATE . . . . No. 579

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, March 28, 1956.

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 385) of Elizabeth A. Stanton and the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, by Joseph R. Harold, that provision be made for a survey and study by an unpaid special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the establishment of a State mental hospital for the care and treatment of veterans, report the accompanying Resolve (Senate, No. 579).

For the committee,

ELIZABETH A. STANTON.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A SURVEY AND STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF VETERANS.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of mental health is  
2 hereby authorized and directed to make a survey and  
3 study of the advisability of establishing a state mental  
4 hospital for the exclusive care and treatment of vet-  
5 erans.

6 The department shall consider the problems of men-  
7 tally ill veterans, particularly those requiring institu-  
8 tional care and treatment and for whom the facilities of  
9 federal hospitals within the commonwealth are not  
10 available, whether the psychiatric or neurological dis-  
11 abilities of such veterans are recognized by federal au-  
12 thorities as service-connected or otherwise.

13 Said department shall also consider federal laws and  
14 regulations pertaining to state hospitals and institutions  
15 for the exclusive care and treatment of veterans, to the  
16 end that proper advantage may be taken of allocation of  
17 federal funds for reimbursement of the commonwealth.

18 The department may call upon officials of the com-  
19 monwealth or political or other subdivisions thereof for  
20 such advice and information as it may require in the  
21 course of its survey and study, and may expend for the  
22 survey and study herein authorized such sums as may  
23 be appropriated therefor.

24 The department shall report to the general court the  
25 results of its survey and study, and its recommendations,  
26 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to  
27 carry said recommendations into effect, by filing the  
28 same with the clerk of the senate on or before the last  
29 Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.