
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 3, 1979.

The committee on Insurance, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 620) of Daniel J. Foley for legislation to amend requirements of the Massachusetts standard fire policy regarding claims, investigation of losses and related matters, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 361) of Arthur C. Conley for legislation to repeal the law relative to contracts of insurance relating to losses by fire, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1365) of James T. Harrington for legislation to regulate contracts of insurance against losses by fire and providing for increased cooperation between insurance companies, insurance agents and law enforcement agencies in the investigation of such losses, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1780) of Raymond M. LaFontaine relative to the standard form for fire insurance policies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1782) of Raymond M. LaFontaine for legislation to further regulate the issuance of fire insurance policies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2378) of William H. MacEachern relative to regulating contracts of insurance against losses by fire and providing for increased cooperation between insurance companies and law enforcement agencies in the investigation of such losses, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2582) of Antone S. Aguiar, Jr., and another for legislation to further clarify, revise and improve the method of settling fire insurance claims including the insurer's right to a speedy reference hearing and right of appeal to a court suit, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2583) of Antone S. Aguiar, Jr., and another for legislation to protect consumers from over-insuring property, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2915) of Royal L. Bolling, Jr., and Peter Y. Flynn relative to clarifying the law regulating contracts against losses by fire and providing for increased cooperation between insurance companies and law enforcement agencies in the investigation of such losses, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2928) of Raymond M. LaFontaine for a

change in the law relative to notice requirements of standard fire insurance policies in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No., 2936) of Sherman W. Saltmarsh, Jr., relative to repealing the requirement that insurance policies insuring multi-unit residential property against loss or damage by fire provide coverage for the cost of relocating tenants, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3993) of Melvin H. King for legislation to make uniform certain forms describing the value of property under the insurance laws of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3994) of Melvin H. King that provision be made for withholding of fire insurance payments under certain conditions, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3995) of Melvin H. King relative to replacement insurance on buildings destroyed by fire, reports recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5878) ought to pass.

For the committee,

RAYMOND M. LaFONTAINE

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING ARSON.

1 *Resolved*, That the special commission established by chapter
2 four of the resolves of nineteen hundred and seventy-six and most
3 recently revived and continued under the provisions of chap-
4 ter of the resolves of nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, shall,
5 in the course of its investigation and study consider the subject
6 matter of current senate document numbered 620, for legislation to
7 amend requirements of the Massachusetts standard fire police
8 regarding claims, investigation of losses and related matters; and of
9 current house documents numbered 361, for legislation to repeal
10 the law relative to contracts of insurance relating to losses by fire;
11 1365, for legislation to regulate contracts of insurance against
12 losses by fire and providing for increased cooperation between
13 insurance companies, insurance agents and law enforcement agen-
14 cies in the investigation of such losses; 1780, relative to the stand-
15 ard form for fire insurance policies; 1782, for legislation to further
16 regulate the issuance of fire insurance policies; 2378, relative to
17 regulating contracts of insurance against losses by fire and provid-
18 ing for increased cooperation between insurance companies and
19 law enforcement agencies in the investigation of such losses; 2582,
20 for legislation to further clarify, revise and improve the method of
21 settling fire insurance claims including the insurer's right to a
22 speedy reference hearing and right of appeal to a court suit; 2583,
23 for legislation to protect consumers from over-insuring property;
24 2915, relative to clarifying the law regulating contracts against
25 losses by fire and providing for increased cooperation between
26 insurance companies and law enforcement agencies in the investi-
27 gation of such losses; 2928, for a change in the law relative to notice
28 requirements of standard fire insurance policies in the common-

29 wealth; 2936, relative to repealing the requirement that insurance
30 policies insuring multi-unit residential property against loss or
31 damage by fire provide coverage for the cost of relocating tenants;
32 3993, for legislation to make uniform certain forms describing the
33 value of property under the insurance laws of the commonwealth;
34 3994, that provision be made for withholding of fire insurance
35 payments under certain conditions; and 3995, relative to replace-
36 ment insurance on buildings destroyed by fire.