

To accompany the petition of John W. Haigis for an investigation of motor and vehicular traffic conditions throughout the Commonwealth. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

Resolve providing for an Investigation with a View to the Adoption of Effective Measures to relieve the Acute Situation relative to Motor and Vehicular Traffic conditions throughout the Commonwealth.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to  
2 consist of two senators and three representatives  
3 to be respectively designated by the president of  
4 the senate and speaker of the house of representa-  
5 tives, the commissioner of public works, ex-  
6 officio, and a skilled engineer qualified as an ex-  
7 pert in the subject matter of this resolve, to be  
8 appointed by the governor, shall investigate  
9 relative to the impending crisis in automobile  
10 and other vehicular traffic conditions throughout  
11 the commonwealth and the extraordinary burden  
12 placed upon existing and proposed highways,  
13 bridges and other agencies utilized by such  
14 traffic in consequence of the remarkable increase  
15 in the production and use of motor vehicles. Said  
16 commission shall consider the most feasible means  
17 and methods of rendering existing and proposed

18 facilities adequate to meet the burden of increas-  
19 ing traffic, the construction of new bridges, parallel  
20 and one-way through highway routes, subway or  
21 elevated traffic ways in congested areas, and such  
22 other devices as may advantageously be utilized  
23 in such connection. The commission shall also  
24 consider the matter of speed limitation of motor  
25 vehicles secured through the installation on all  
26 motor cars operated in the commonwealth of a  
27 device rendering excessive speed mechanically  
28 impossible, or otherwise secured, and the matter  
29 of uniform traffic regulations in the several cities  
30 and towns. The commission shall have quarters  
31 in the state house, may hold hearings through-  
32 out the commonwealth, may require the attend-  
33 ance and testimony of witnesses, may administer  
34 oaths, and may expend for travel and other ex-  
35 penses from such amount as may be appropriated  
36 such sums, not exceeding  
37 dollars, as the governor and council may approve.  
38 The commission shall report its recommenda-  
39 tions, with drafts of such legislation as may be  
40 necessary to effect the same, to the general court  
41 not later than the second Wednesday in January,  
42 nineteen hundred and twenty-five.



