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By Mr. Foley, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 557) of Daniel J. Foley for legislation relative to the establishment of an agents grievance committee. Insurance.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENTS  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 General Laws Chapter 175, as most recently amended, is  
2 hereby further amended by adding after Section 163A the  
3 following new section: —

4 *Section 163B.* Grievance Committee. There is hereby estab-  
5 lished a Grievance Committee to be composed of the Insur-  
6 ance Commissioner who shall serve as the Chairman of the  
7 Committee; one Massachusetts representative from the In-  
8 dependent Mutual Agents of New England; one representative  
9 from each of the following organizations: Massachusetts Inde-  
10 pendent Insurance Agents Association, the American Insur-  
11 ance Association, and the Alliance of American Insurers. The  
12 Committee members shall serve for a two-year term, without  
13 compensation. The Committee shall hold hearings on griev-  
14 ances brought by insurance agents, relating to the termination  
15 of their contracts with insurance companies, and the Com-  
16 mittee may order the insurance company to rescind termina-  
17 tion. The decision of the Committee may be appealed to the  
18 Superior Court sitting in Suffolk County.

19 Any existing contract between an insurance agent and an  
20 insurance company may be modified only by mutual consent.

21 The Grievance Committee established under this act shall  
22 shall make a written report to the Insurance Committee of  
23 the Great and General Court by December 1 of each year  
24 during which it operates.

25 This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

