
By Mr. Partridge of Watertown, petition of Lockwood Myrick that the joint committee on Public Welfare be authorized to investigate the segregation of certain classes of persons committed to hospitals for the insane. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO
THE SEGREGATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF PERSONS
COMMITTED TO HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.

1 *Resolved*, That the joint committee on public welfare
2 is hereby authorized and directed to sit during the
3 recess of the general court for the purpose of investi-
4 gating first the advisability of setting aside certain
5 state hospitals for the housing exclusively of the aged
6 and infirm who are placed in the care of the common-
7 wealth and who do not prefer being in some state
8 hospital for the insane generally, and second the ad-
9 visability of setting aside certain state hospitals ex-
10 clusively for the housing of persons committed as
11 dipsomaniacs or inebriates or as addicted to the in-
12 temperate use of narcotics or stimulants; that for the
13 purposes of this resolve the said committee may ex-
14 pend such sums as may be appropriated therefor by
15 the general court; and that the said committee shall
16 report to the general court the results of its investi-
17 gation, together with drafts of such legislation as may
18 be necessary to carry its recommendations into effect,
19 by filing the same with the clerk of the house of repre-
20 sentatives on or before the first Wednesday in the
21 current year.

