

# SENATE . . . . No. 255

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To accompany the petition of Walter Jewett, Executive Secretary, State Examiners of Plumbers, that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to uniform minimum plumbing requirements for adoption throughout the Commonwealth. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF, AND PREPARATION OF, UNIFORM MINIMUM PLUMBING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Whereas*, The public health, comfort, safety, and  
2 convenience of the citizens of the commonwealth to a  
3 considerable extent are dependent upon the installa-  
4 tion of plumbing equipment, and maintenance and  
5 control thereof; and

6 *Whereas*, Under existing law no provision is made for  
7 uniform minimum plumbing requirements in cities or  
8 towns; and

9 *Whereas*, Under the General Laws it is not manda-  
10 tory that a town which has less than five thousand in-  
11 habitants provide plumbing rules and regulations and  
12 proper inspection of plumbing installations; and

13 *Whereas*, Minimum plumbing requirements on a  
14 state-wide basis should only be adopted after careful  
15 consideration and study and with the view of main-  
16 taining local enforcement; therefore be it

17     *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission to con-  
18 sist of a representative of the department of public  
19 health, a representative of the board of state exam-  
20 iners of plumbers, a selectman, a licensed master  
21 plumber, a licensed journeyman plumber, a plumbing  
22 inspector, a registered professional sanitary engineer,  
23 and a representative of the building and construction  
24 trades to be appointed by the governor, is hereby es-  
25 tablished for the purpose of making an investigation  
26 as to the improvement of the health, safety, comfort  
27 and convenience of the residents of the commonwealth  
28 by the adoption of minimum plumbing requirements  
29 for state-wide application. For the purpose of carry-  
30 ing out the provisions of this resolve, said commission  
31 may hold hearings, may travel within the common-  
32 wealth and may expend for necessary assistance and  
33 expenses such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate  
34 three thousand dollars, as may hereafter be appro-  
35 priated therefor.

36     Said commission shall report to the general court  
37 the results of its investigations and its recommenda-  
38 tion, if any, together with drafts of such legislation  
39 as may be necessary to carry such recommendations  
40 into effect, together with proposed minimum plumb-  
41 ing requirements, by filing the same with the clerk of  
42 the house of representatives on or before the first Wed-  
43 nesday of December in the year nineteen hundred and  
44 forty-seven.