

HOUSE No. 2348

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Kingston of Somerville, for the House Report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next annual session (under Joint Rule 10), on the final report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established (under Chapter 14 of the Resolves of 1947) to make an investigation and study relative to the prevalence of sex crimes and means for the suppression thereof (House, No. 2169). June 1.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE PREVALENCE OF SEX CRIMES AND MEANS FOR THE SUPPRESSION THEREOF.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, four members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, the commissioner of mental health, the
6 commissioner of correction, and three persons to be
7 appointed by the governor, is hereby established to
8 make an investigation and study relative to the
9 prevalence of sex crimes, with a view to determining
10 what changes in, or additions to, the laws relating to
11 crime are necessary or advisable to provide better
12 means of suppressing sex crimes, and to investigate,
13 study and recommend specifications for a maximum
14 security hospital type of institution for persons

15 convicted of sex crimes or found to be sexual psycho-
16 paths, and a proposed program for the care and
17 treatment of such persons therein. Said commission,
18 in the course of its investigation and study hereunder,
19 shall consider particularly the advisability of pro-
20 viding for the imposition of substantial mandatory
21 sentences upon conviction of sex crimes and for a
22 more strict supervision of sex criminals upon their
23 release, and also the advisability of segregating such
24 criminals in separate buildings or quarters at the
25 institution to which they are sentenced or committed.
26 Said commission may expend for clerical and other
27 assistance and expenses the unexpended balance of
28 the appropriation made by item 0201 of section two
29 of chapter six hundred and eighty-five of the acts of
30 nineteen hundred and forty-seven together with and
31 in addition to such sums as may hereafter be appro-
32 priated therefor. Said commission shall be provided
33 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere and may
34 require by summons the attendance and testimony
35 of witnesses and the production of books and papers.
36 Said commission shall report to the general court the
37 results of its investigation and its recommendations,
38 if any, together with drafts of such legislation as may
39 be necessary to carry such recommendations into
40 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of
41 representatives on or before the first Wednesday of
42 December in the current year.