

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2407

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 27, 1949.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1141) of Lockwood Myrick and another relative to the admission or commitment of persons to institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Health and to their rights when so admitted or committed, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2407).

For the committee,

GEORGE GREENE.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts .

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY  
BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE ADMISSION  
OR COMMITMENT OF PERSONS TO INSTITUTIONS UNDER  
THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
HEALTH, AND TO THEIR RIGHTS WHEN SO ADMITTED OR  
COMMITTED.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to  
2 consist of one member of the senate to be designated  
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house  
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker  
5 thereof, and three persons to be appointed by the  
6 governor, is hereby established for the purpose of  
7 making an investigation and study of the subject  
8 matter of current house document numbered eleven  
9 hundred and forty-one, relative to the admission or  
10 commitment of persons to institutions under the juris-  
11 diction of the department of mental health, and to  
12 their rights when so admitted or committed. Said  
13 commission shall be provided with quarters in the  
14 state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may  
15 require by summons the attendance and testimony of  
16 witnesses and the production of books and papers,  
17 may travel within and without the commonwealth,  
18 and may expend for legal, clerical and other assistance  
19 and for expenses such sums as may hereafter be appro-  
20 priated therefor. Said commission shall report to the

21 general court the results of its investigation and study,  
22 and its recommendations, if any, together with  
23 drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommenda-  
24 tions into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of  
25 the house of representatives not later than the first  
26 Wednesday of December in the current year.

