

HOUSE No. 2542

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 26, 1949.

The committee on Taxation, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 204) of John W. Vaughan that a tax be imposed on certain corporations acting as brokers for investments in certain legalized wagering, such tax to be known as "the state hospitals and institutions assistance tax", the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 792) of Kendall A. Sanderson for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to licensing establishments for buying and selling pools and registering bets on horse and dog races and the raising of revenue therefrom, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1479) of Fred C. Harrington for legislation to provide for taxing certain pin ball machines, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1906) of Peter F. Fitzgerald for legislation to provide for the licensing and regulating by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of vending machines, report the accompanying order (House, No. 2542).

For the committee,

C. GERALD LUCEY.

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Ordered, That the committee on Taxation is hereby authorized to sit during the recess of the general court for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the advisability of providing for the licensing of places of business for the buying and selling of pools and the registering of bets on horse and dog races and the raising of revenue therefrom for the purpose of reducing taxation on real estate and otherwise, and relative to the subject matter of current house document numbered 204, relative to providing for state hospitals and institutions assistance tax, so called, of current house document numbered 1479, relative to providing for the taxation of certain pin ball machines, and of current house document numbered 1906, relative to providing for the licensing and regulating of all vending machines. Said committee may expend for expenses and for clerical and other assistance such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said committee shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of December in the current year.

For the committee,

C. GERALD LUCEY