

SENATE No. 20

To accompany the petition of Michael H. Condron that provision be made for an investigation and study by an unpaid special commission (including members of the General Court) of the problem of exterminating rats. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY
BY A SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION OF THE PROBLEM OF
EXTERMINATING RATS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to con-
2 sist of one member of the senate to be designated by
3 the president thereof, two members of the house of
4 representatives to be designated by the speaker there-
5 of, and two persons to be appointed by the governor,
6 one of whom shall have had experience in matters of
7 public health, is hereby established for the purpose of
8 investigating the proper methods which should be
9 taken to exterminate rats. Said commission shall
10 confer with federal authorities and may accept any
11 federal funds available for the purpose. Said com-
12 mission may hold hearings and expend for clerical
13 and other assistance and expenses such sums as may
14 be appropriated therefor, shall be provided with
15 quarters in the state house or elsewhere, and may
16 travel within or without the commonwealth. Said
17 commission shall report to the general court the

18 results of its investigations and its recommendations,
19 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary
20 to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the
21 same with the clerk of the senate not later than the
22 first Wednesday in December in the current year.