

SENATE No. 404

To accompany the petition of Sumner G. Whittier that provision be made for the establishment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate and study the subject of spastic paralytics. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY THE SUBJECT OF SPASTIC PARALYTICS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
2 consist of two members 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 two persons to be appointed by the gov-
6 ernor, both of whom shall be skilled in the practice of
7 medicine, with special training in the treatment of
8 paralysis, is hereby established to make a survey and
9 study of the subject of spastic paralysis, so called, and
10 the causes and treatment thereof and matters relating
11 thereto, with a view to alleviating the suffering of per-
12 sons affected thereby and to the advisability of pro-
13 viding a non-contributory pension for such persons.
14 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in
15 the state house or elsewhere, and may expend for ex-
16 penses and clerical and other assistance such sums as
17 may be appropriated therefor. Said commission shall

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