

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 17, 1952.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 152) of Peter B. Gay relative to providing a penalty for persons found guilty of operating motor vehicles while under the influence of narcotic drugs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 153) of Walter I. Tabor and Charles H. Anthony that a penalty be provided for operating motor vehicles while under the influence of narcotic drugs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1518) of Francis T. Gallagher for prohibiting the use of mechanical devices as games of chance, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1718) of Philip K. Kimball that a penalty be provided for persons operating motor vehicles while under the influence of drugs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1770) of G. Leo Bessette and Thomas H. Spurr, Jr., for prohibiting the sale or distribution of toy gambling devices, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1777) of Peter F. Fitzgerald for legislation relative to gambling on the Lord's Day, and so much of the annual report of the Judicial Council (Pub. Doc. No. 144) as relates to continuing liability of absconding parent for support of minor children (pages 19-21), and as relates to providing for amending and supplementing of birth records in cases of adoption and change of name (pages 30-31), report the accompanying order (House, No. 2365).

For the committee,

PETER B. GAY.

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Ordered, That the committee on Legal Affairs is hereby authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the subject matter of current house document numbered 152, relative to providing a penalty for persons found guilty of operating motor vehicles while under the influence of a narcotic drug; of current house document numbered 153, relative to providing a penalty for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of any narcotic drug; of current house document numbered 1518, relative to prohibiting the use of mechanical devices as games of chance; of current house document numbered 1718, relative to penalizing persons operating motor vehicles while under the influence of any drug; of current house document numbered 1770, relative to prohibiting the sale or distribution of toy gambling devices; of current house document numbered 1777, relative to gambling on the Lord's Day; of so much of the twenty-seventh annual report of the Judicial Council (Public Document No. 144) as relates to continuing liability of absconding parent for support of minor children (pages 19-21); and so much of said annual report as relates to providing for amending and supplementing birth records in cases of adoption and change of name (pages 30, 31). Said committee may expend for expenses and for clerical and other assistance such sums as may hereafter be appropriated therefor, and 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 Senate on or before the first Wednesday of December in the current year.