

SENATE No. 630

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 15, 1955.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1141) of Estella E. Marshall for legislation relative to the commitment and care of the insane; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1633) of Lockwood Myrick relative to the commitment of persons to and their release from institutions under the jurisdiction or supervision of the Department of Mental Health, report the accompanying Resolve (Senate, No. 630).

For the committee,

RICHARD H. LEE.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY THE METHOD OF COMMITTING PERSONS TO MENTAL HOSPITALS, AND THE RIGHTS, CARE, TREATMENT AND RELEASE OR DISCHARGE OF PERSONS SO COMMITTED.

1 *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission estab-
2 lished by chapter one hundred and eight of the resolves
3 of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and revived and con-
4 tinued by _____ to make an investigation and
5 study relative to the method of committing persons to
6 mental hospitals, and the rights, care, treatment and
7 release or discharge of persons so committed, is hereby
8 authorized to consider in the course of its study the sub-
9 ject matter of current house documents numbered eleven
10 hundred and forty-one and sixteen hundred and thirty-
11 three. Said commission shall report to the general court
12 the results of its investigation and study and its recom-
13 mendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
14 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by
15 filing the same with the clerk of the house of representa-
16 tives not later than _____ in the current year.