

SENATE No. 58

To accompany the petition of Daniel Rudsten that provision be made for an investigation and study by an unpaid special commission (including members of the General Court) of the Boston State Hospital. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY
BY A SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION OF THE BOSTON STATE
HOSPITAL.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, consist-
2 ing of three members of the senate to be designated by
3 the president thereof, five members of the house of rep-
4 resentatives to be designated by the speaker thereof,
5 and one person to be appointed by the governor, is
6 hereby established for the purpose of making a thorough
7 investigation and study of conditions at the Boston
8 State Hospital with reference to the administration of
9 said hospital, the personnel thereof, the treatment of
10 inmates thereat, reports of alleged brutality, sadism,
11 perversion, unexplained deaths and suicides, and the
12 number of inmates who are reported missing, and the
13 laws relative to the admission, treatment and discharge
14 of inmates at said hospital, with a view to making such
15 changes at said hospital and making such changes in the
16 laws pertaining thereto as may be necessary for the best
17 interests of the public. The commission shall be pro-
18 vided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere,
19 may hold public hearings and may call upon officials of
20 the commonwealth for such information as it may re-
21 quire in the course of its study. Said commission may
22 expend for clerical and other services and expenses such

23 sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said commis-
 24 sion shall report to the general court the results of its
 25 study, and its recommendations, if any, together with
 26 drafts of legislation necessary to carry said recommen-
 27 dations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of
 28 the senate not later than the first Wednesday of Decem-
 29 ber in the current year.