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To accompany the petition of Leslie B. Cutler for legislation to further revive and continue the unpaid special commission established to investigate and study the method of committing persons to mental hospitals, and the rights, care, treatment and release or discharge of persons so committed. Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE FURTHER REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND 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 most recently  
4 revived and continued by chapter one hundred and nine  
5 of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty-five, is  
6 hereby further revived and continued for the purpose of  
7 making an investigation and study of the method of  
8 committing persons to mental hospitals, and the rights,  
9 care, treatment and release or discharge of persons so  
10 committed. Said commission shall, in the course of its  
11 investigation and study, consider the subject matter of  
12 senate document numbered 366 of the year 1954. Said  
13 commission shall be provided with quarters in the state  
14 house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, and may expend  
15 for clerical and other assistance and for expenses the  
16 balance of the amount available in item 0255-06 of  
17 section two of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four  
18 of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-five. Said  
19 commission shall report to the general court the results  
20 of its investigation and study, and its recommendations,  
21 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to  
22 carry said recommendations into effect, by filing the  
23 same with the clerk of the senate on or before the third  
24 Wednesday of March in the current year.

