

HOUSE No. 767

By Mr. Tracy of Boston, petition of Golda R. Walters for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the care, treatment and commitment of criminally insane and defective delinquents. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE CARE, TREATMENT AND COMMITMENT OF THE CRIMINALLY INSANE AND DEFECTIVE DELINQUENTS.

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, a representative of the department of mental
6 health, a representative of the department of correc-
7 tion, a psychiatrist, and a member of the bench, to
8 be appointed by the governor, is hereby established
9 to make an investigation and study relative to the
10 care, treatment and commitment of persons crimi-
11 nally insane and of persons who are found to be de-
12 fective delinquents. Said commission may travel
13 within and without the commonwealth and may ex-
14 pend for clerical and other assistance and expenses
15 such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said
16 commission shall report to the general court the re-

17 sults of its investigation and its recommendations, if
18 any, together with drafts of such legislation as may
19 be necessary to carry such recommendations into
20 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house
21 of representatives on or before the first Wednesday
22 of December in the current year.