

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1051

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By Mr. Donlan of Boston, petition of Edmond J. Donlan for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the laws of the Commonwealth relating to alcohol and alcoholic beverages and to common victuallers. Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH RELATING TO ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TO COMMON VICTUALLERS.

1    *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to con-  
2 sist of two members of the senate to be designated by  
3 the president thereof, five members of the house of  
4 representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof  
5 and two persons to be appointed by the governor, is  
6 hereby established for the purpose of making an in-  
7 vestigation and study of the laws of the common-  
8 wealth relating to the manufacture, transportation,  
9 storage, sale, importation and exportation of alcoho-  
10 and alcoholic beverages and relating to common vict-  
11 uallers, and of the administration of said laws, with  
12 a view to making such changes in and additions to  
13 the provisions thereof, and such changes pertaining  
14 to the administration thereof, as said commission may  
15 deem necessary or advisable for the purpose of cor-

16 recting the evils and abuses of the present system of  
17 handling the same. The commission shall be pro-  
18 vided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere,  
19 and may expend, with the approval of the governor  
20 and council, for clerical and other services and ex-  
21 penses, such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
22 five thousand dollars, as may hereafter be appropri-  
23 ated therefor. Said commission shall report to the  
24 general court the results of its investigation, and its  
25 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legis-  
26 lation necessary to carry said recommendations into  
27 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house  
28 of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of  
29 December in the current year.