

SENATE No. 711

By Mr. Ward, petition of Joseph D. Ward for legislation to further revive and continue the special commission (including members of the General Court) established to make an investigation and study relative to retarded children and training facilities available therefor. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE FURTHER REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO RETARDED CHILDREN AND THE TRAINING FACILITIES AVAILABLE THEREFOR.

1 *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission established
2 by chapter seventy-seven of the resolves of nineteen hundred
3 and fifty-two, and most recently revived and continued by
4 chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the resolves of nineteen
5 hundred and sixty-two, is hereby further revived and con-
6 tinued. Said commission shall report to the general court the
7 results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations,
8 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
9 its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the
10 clerk of the house of representatives on or before the last
11 Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

Dr. W. D. West, of Iowa, is the author of the bill. It is the bill to amend the act relating to the practice of medicine in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes. The bill was introduced in the Senate on February 27, 1901, and was read twice. It is now in committee on the Judiciary.

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The Commission on the Practice of Medicine was organized on February 27, 1901, and has since that time been engaged in a study of the laws and regulations relating to the practice of medicine in this State. It has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from the medical profession and the public. It is now presenting its report to the Senate.

The Commission believes that the present laws are inadequate and that a more complete system is necessary. It proposes to create a State Board of Health, which shall have authority to issue licenses to physicians and to regulate the practice of medicine. It also proposes to create a State Board of Medical Examiners, which shall have authority to examine candidates for licenses and to regulate the curriculum of medical schools. The Commission believes that these changes are necessary to protect the public and to improve the medical profession.