

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATION

BY THE

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
AND STUDY THE LAWS OF THE
COMMONWEALTH RELATIVE TO THE
CONFINEMENT AND RELEASE OF SEXUALLY
DANGEROUS PERSONS AND THE SENTENCING
OR COMMITMENT OF PERSONS TO ALL
CORRECTIONAL OR MENTAL
HEALTH INSTITUTIONS.

March, 1967

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ORDER AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE TO MAKE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY.

SENATE No. 1039 of 1965.

Ordered, That, a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the senate, to be appointed by the President thereof, and five members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker thereof, is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the laws of the commonwealth relative to the confinement and release of sexually dangerous persons, with particular reference to the procedures employed in carrying out the provisions of such laws in order to determine whether proper safeguards are observed for the protection of the public, and the psychiatric treatment of prisoners while confined and while on parole in order to determine whether psychiatric facilities and personnel are adequate for providing an orderly return to society of released sexually dangerous persons. Said committee shall have the power to summon witnesses, and to require the production of books, records, contracts and papers, and the giving of testimony under oath.

Said committee may travel within the commonwealth and may hire such clerical and legal assistance as may be necessary.

Said committee shall report the results of its investigation and study and recommendations if any, together with drafts of legislation to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the Senate on or before the fourth Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

Adopted:

By the Senate,

By the House of Representatives,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOHN J. CONTE of Worcester,
Chairman

SENATOR ANDREA F. NUCIFORO of Pittsfield

SENATOR WILLIAM A. WEEKS of Cohasset

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES R. NOLEN of Ware,
Vice-Chairman

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE T. CONTALONIS of Woburn

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES L. GRIMALDI of Springfield

REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD D. HARRINGTON, JR. of Holden

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE L. SACCO, JR. of Medford

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM A. CAREY of Boston

MARTIN F. FAY, *Counsel*

ARTHUR T. LYMAN, *Advisor*
*(Former Commissioner, Department of Correction
Commonwealth of Massachusetts)*

Orders Increasing Scope.

Senate, No. 1159 of 1965.

Senate, No. 868 of 1966.

Orders Increasing Membership.

1 Additional House Member.

Adopted: House, September 20, 1965.

Senate, September 21, 1965.

2 Additional House Members.

Adopted by Senate and House of Representatives on
February 27, 1967.

Order extending time for report and to report from time to time.

Adopted: Senate, September 22, 1965.

House, September 23, 1965.

Orders Extending time for Final Report.

Senate, No. 1031 of 1966 (Extra Session).

Senate, No. 1065 of 1967.

Preliminary report filed in office of Senate Clerk.

See Senate, No. 914 of 1966.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

DATE

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Respectfully submitted,

SEN. JOHN J. CONTE

REP. GEORGE L. SACCO, JR.

REP. WILLIAM A. CAREY

REP. GEORGE T. CONTALONIS

REP. JAMES R. NOLEN

REP. EDWARD D. HARRINGTON, JR.

SEN. ANDREA F. NUCIFORO

[PROPOSED LEGISLATION]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAXIMUM SECURITY BUILDING FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE AT THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AT BRIDGEWATER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The department of correction is hereby au-
2 thorized and directed to construct a maximum security build-
3 ing for the criminally insane at the Massachusetts Correctional
4 Institution, Bridgewater.

1 SECTION 2. The state treasurer may borrow from time to
2 time on the credit of the commonwealth such sums of money
3 as may be necessary for the purpose of meeting payments as
4 authorized by section one of this act, and may issue and re-
5 new from time to time notes of the commonwealth therefor,
6 bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates as
7 shall be fixed by the state treasurer. Such notes shall be issued
8 and may be renewed one or more times for such terms, not
9 exceeding one year, as the governor may recommend to the
10 general court in accordance with section 3 of Article LXII of
11 the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth,
12 but the final maturities of such notes, whether original or
13 renewal, shall not be later than June thirtieth, nineteen hun-
14 dred and seventy-three. Notwithstanding any provisions of
15 this act, such notes shall be general obligations of the com-
16 monwealth.

1 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditure necessary in carrying
2 out the provisions of section one of this act or to refinance

3 notes issued as provided in section two of this act, the state
4 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor and council,
5 issue and sell at public or private sale bonds of the common-
6 wealth, registered or with interest coupons attached, as he
7 may deem best, to an amount to be specified by the governor
8 and council from time to time, but not exceeding in the
9 aggregate, the sum of six million dollars. All bonds issued by
10 the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on their
11 face, Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Bridgewater,
12 Loan, Act of 1967, and shall be on the serial payment plan
13 for such maximum term of years, not exceeding twenty years,
14 as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant
15 to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Con-
16 stitution of the Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be
17 so arranged that the amounts payable in the several years of
18 the period of amortization, other than the final year, shall be
19 as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state treasurer it is
20 practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest
21 semi-annually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the ap-
22 proval of the governor, shall fix. The initial maturities of
23 such bonds shall be payable not later than one year from the
24 date of issue thereof and the entire issue not later than June
25 thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety.

