

HOUSE No. 2526

By Mrs. Gilligan of Lynn, petition of Nino Giannatasio for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the feasibility of repealing the compulsory motor vehicle insurance law and providing for a step rate premium law assessed on the licensee based upon his accident record. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE FEASIBILITY OF REPEALING THE PRESENT COMPULSORY MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE LAW, AND PROVIDING FOR A STEP RATE PREMIUM LAW ASSESSED ON THE LICENSEE BASED UPON HIS ACCIDENT RECORD.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of
2 three members of the senate to be designated by the president
3 thereof, five members of the house of representatives to be desig-
4 nated by the speaker thereof, and three persons to be appointed
5 by the governor, is hereby established for the purpose of making
6 an investigation and study relative to the feasibility of repealing
7 the present motor vehicle insurance law, and establishing a law
8 providing for insurance premiums established in the following
9 manner:— (a) establish a step rate premium classification for
10 each driver based on location of residence and accident record,
11 all drivers in the same area will pay the same premiums, plus one
12 step rate increase for every one thousand dollars or part thereof,
13 in damages paid on his behalf within the seven preceding years
14 to settle a claim for damages against them; (b) each step rate
15 shall be a one hundred per cent increase of the basic premium
16 rate for the area in which the driver resides. All premiums must
17 be paid on or before January first, and for seven years after
18 involvement in an accident; (c) provide method of establish-

19 ing premium rate, also responsibility for accident when claim
20 is settled without a trial. Also provide method of assessing in-
21 crease in premium during the pendency of any claim for damages;
22 (d) to study all other matters which they feel are relative to this
23 subject matter. Said commission shall be provided with quarters
24 in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may expend
25 for legal, clerical and other services and expenses, such sums as
26 may hereafter be appropriated therefor. Said commission shall
27 report to the general court the results of its investigation and
28 study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
29 legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect,
30 by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives
31 on or before the last Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and
32 sixty-two.