
By Messrs. Melia of Boston and Barrett of Boston, petition of Endicott Peabody and another for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to improving facilities and services for older persons in the Commonwealth. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO IMPROVING THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, consisting of
2 two members of the senate, three members of the house of repre-
3 sentatives, the chairman of the commission on aging, the com-
4 missioner or his designee of the department of public health, the
5 commissioner or his designee of the department of public welfare,
6 the commissioner or his designee of the department of mental
7 health, and four persons appointed by the governor, of whom at
8 least one shall represent one or more of the recognized organiza-
9 tions of older persons, is hereby established to make an investiga-
10 tion and study of the laws of the commonwealth pertaining to
11 older citizens, to determine what long range planning and
12 programs will be required to meet the rapidly changing con-
13 ditions of the elderly due to the problems created by increasing
14 urbanization and inflation on an expanding elderly population.
15 Said commission shall pay particular attention to the impact of
16 technological changes as they affect older workers, and the in-
17 creasing leisure time created by industry's pressure for early re-
18 tirement. Said commission shall examine the present economic,
19 health and social condition of our older persons and determine
20 if present facilities and services adequately meet their needs.
21 Said commission shall study the entire area of aging and our
22 older population and make any recommendations necessary for
23 their general welfare. Said commission may travel outside the

24 commonwealth and may call on officials of those departments
25 which are closely connected with older persons. Said commis-
26 sion shall appoint a person outstanding in his field of aging to
27 act as secretary and will establish his salary. Said commission
28 shall report to the general court from time to time the results of
29 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
30 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recom-
31 mendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the
32 house of representatives, but shall file its final report on or before
33 the last Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred and sixty-
34 five.