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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133, August 24, 1973.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning herewith House Bill No. 1549 entitled "RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO COORDINATING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH."

The Special Commission which would be established under this Resolve to conduct an investigation and study relative to coordinating the efforts of all the Commonwealth's law enforcement agencies would consist of one member of the Senate, three members of the House, the Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee and one person appointed by the Governor.

This subject has been extensively studied to date by both the executive and legislative branches of our government. The Secretary of Public Safety and his staff reviewed this matter very thoroughly in the course of preparing recommendations to me for the reorganization of the Executive Office of Public Safety. Your Joint Committee on Public Safety, in considering my recommendations for that reorganization, has also analyzed this matter in some detail.

Nevertheless, if it is your judgment that this subject merits further examination by a special commission, I suggest that the membership of that body should not be an even number as is now provided (6) and that the Secretary of Public Safety or his designee should be included.

I therefore recommend that House No. 1549 be amended as follows:

By inserting after the word "representatives" in line 2 of the engrossed resolve the following words: — , the secretary of public safety or his designee.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. SARGENT,  
*Governor*  
*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*