

[Similar Matter Filed During Past Session —
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SENATE No. 790

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 790) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the adequacy and scope of community mental health centers. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE ADEQUACY AND SCOPE OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three
2 members of the senate, three members of the house of repre-
3 sentatives, the commissioner of public health, or his designee,
4 and two persons to be appointed by the Governor, one of
5 whom shall be a physician whose expertise is in the field of
6 psychiatry, is hereby established for the purpose of making
7 an investigation and study relative to the adequacy and scope
8 of community mental health centers. Said commission shall,
9 in the course of its investigation, consider the various tech-
10 niques utilized by nonmedical personnel employed by said
11 mental health centers in treating the mentally ill; the means
12 of financing such techniques, and the availability of alterna-
13 tive means of treating such patients in said mental health
14 centers.

