

SENATE . . . . . No. 101

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By Mr. Costello, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 101) of Nicholas J. Costello and Barbara Hildt that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the workers' compensation system in the Commonwealth. Commerce and Labor.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of five mem-  
2 bers of the Senate, one of whom shall be the Senate Chairman  
3 of the Committee on Commerce and Labor, to be appointed by  
4 the Senate President, eight members of the House of Repre-  
5 sentatives, one of whom shall be the House Chairman of the  
6 Committee on Commerce and Labor, to be appointed by the  
7 Speaker of the House, the Chairman of the Industrial Acci-  
8 dent Board, the Commissioner of Insurance, the Commissioner  
9 of Rehabilitation, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth  
10 or his designee, and eight members to be appointed by the  
11 Governor, two of whom shall be representatives of employers  
12 to be recommended by the Associated Industries of Massachu-  
13 setts, one of whom shall be a representative of the insurance  
14 industry to be recommended by the Alliance of American In-  
15 surers, one of whom shall be a representative of the insurance  
16 industry to be recommended by the American Insurance Asso-  
17 ciation, two of whom shall be members of organized labor to  
18 be recommended by the Massachusetts State Labor Council,  
19 AFL-CIO, one of whom shall be an attorney recommended by  
20 the Massachusetts Bar Association, and one of whom shall be  
21 an attorney recommended by the Boston Bar Association is  
22 hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation  
23 and study of the workers' compensation system in the Com-  
24 monwealth. Said investigation and study shall consider the

25 purpose of the workers' compensation act and questions of  
26 equity, efficiency and expense, the administration of the act,  
27 and benefits system and such other related issues as it may  
28 deem appropriate.

29 The Commission may exercise the information gathering  
30 authority granted to the Division of Industrial Accidents in  
31 Section 63 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws. Furthermore,  
32 the Division of Industrial Accidents shall provide such statisti-  
33 cal information, both processed and unprocessed, as may be  
34 required by the Commission.

35 The Commission shall be provided with quarters in the  
36 Statehouse or elsewhere and shall hold public hearings as it  
37 deems appropriate, provided however that at least three re-  
38 gional hearings be held in locations other than the city of Bos-  
39 ton. The Commission may employ staff, consultants and other  
40 services and may travel within and without the Common-  
41 wealth, subject to appropriation.

42 The Commission shall from time to time report to the Gen-  
43 eral Court the results of its study, and its recommendations, if  
44 any, together with drafts of legislation, provided however that  
45 a final draft shall be filed with the Clerk of the Senate and  
46 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.