By Mr. Edward L. Burke, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 417) of Edward L. Burke, Barbara J. Wood, Commissioner, Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Paul J. Lanzikos, Secretary, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Barbara E. Gray, Warren T. Hanna and Paul Kollios that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the need for a board of registration for hearing aid dealers and other related matters. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE NEED FOR A BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR HEARING AID DEALERS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

1 Resolved, that a special commission, to consist of three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate President; five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; the State Attorney General or his designee; eight members appointed by the Governor to be the Secretary of Consumer Affairs or her designee; the Secretary of Elder Affairs or his designee; the Commissioner for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing or her designee; one hearing aid dealer; one audiologist and three persons who shall be hard of hearing (consumers).

10 This Commission is established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to ascertaining a need for a Board of Registration for hearing aid dealers or make recommendations for other action related thereto to meet the needs of the general public who are hard of hearing.

15 This Commission has been allowed to hire staff permitted by appropriation to travel within and out of the state, hold public hearings, gather pertinent information and make written recommendations in the form of legislation or make any other recommendations in a report to the General Court no later than December 31, 1988.