

By Mr. Giordano of Methuen, petition of Larry F. Giordano for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to establishing a system to provide benefits for workers who lose work time because of sickness. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR WORKERS WHO LOSE WORK TIME BECAUSE OF SICKNESS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of two
2 members of the senate, three members of the house of
3 representatives, the commissioner of labor and industries or his
4 designee, the secretary of human services or his designee, the
5 commissioner of education or his designee, the commissioner of
6 commerce and development, the secretary of labor or his designee,
7 and five members to be appointed by the governor, who are
8 knowledgeable about and experienced in small business
9 operations and problems is hereby established for the purpose of
10 making an investigation and study relative to economic difficulties
11 encountered by employees who lose time from work due to illness
12 and receive no compensation therefore.

13 Said commission shall report to the general court the results
14 of its study, and its recommendations, if any, from time to time,
15 and by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives
16 on or before the last Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred
17 and ninety.

18 In particular, the special commission shall study and make
19 recommendations relative to the problems and difficulties
20 encountered by such employees, the extent and scope of the
21 problem, the number of employers not offering such benefits and
22 specific proposals, including contributions for such employees to

23 be paid into a fund administered by joint trustees representing
24 employers and employees so affected. Said commission may travel
25 within the commonwealth, hold hearings and call upon state
26 agencies for assistance and information.