

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 197

Accompanying the ninth recommendation of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 188). Social Welfare.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

### RESOLVE TO STUDY STATE AND COUNTY OPERATED HOSPITALS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

1    *RESOLVED*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist  
2 of three members of the Senate, seven members of the House  
3 of Representatives and five persons to be appointed by the  
4 governor, of whom two shall have experience in delivery of  
5 health services, including mental health services, through non-  
6 governmental organizations and two shall have experience in  
7 the delivery of health services, including public health and  
8 mental health services, through governmental organizations, is  
9 hereby established for the purpose of determining the present  
10 status of existing hospital services provided by county and  
11 commonwealth hospitals, to evaluate the needs of all the citi-  
12 zens of the commonwealth for hospital and medical services,  
13 and to present recommendations on the future role of hospital  
14 and other health services provided by the commonwealth to  
15 meet those needs.

16    Said commission shall consider the entire health delivery  
17 system and the financial, jurisdictional and organizational re-  
18 quirements to meet the above stated needs. Said commission  
19 may travel within and without the commonwealth, and may  
20 call on officials of the various state departments and of the  
21 University of Massachusetts medical school for advice and as-  
22 sistance. The commission shall appoint a person with sub-  
23 stantial experience in the health delivery system to act as  
24 secretary and to correlate its findings. Said commission shall  
25 report to the general court and the governor from time to time  
26 the results of its investigation and study, and its recommenda-  
27 tions, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to

28 carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with  
 29 the clerk of the House of Representatives, but shall file its final  
 30 report on or before the last Wednesday in December, nineteen  
 31 hundred and seventy-one.