

HOUSE No. 5361

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 15, 1971.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom were referred so much of the recommendations of the Consumers' Council (House, No. 88) as relates to providing for the regulation and licensing of motor vehicle repair and service shops (accompanied by bill, House, No. 92); the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 539) of Phyllis Dick for legislation to require auto repairmen to guarantee their work for thirty days; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 566) of Joseph E. Brett for legislation to establish a board of registration of automotive mechanics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1329) of David C. Ahearn for legislation to establish within the Consumers' Council a bureau of retail automobile sales and automobile repairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1890) of Richard E. McLaughlin (Registrar of Motor Vehicles) and Robert J. Bohigian that provision be made for the regulation and licensing of motor vehicle repair and service shops; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2826) of Theodore D. Mann and Irving Fishman relative to the regulation and licensing of motor vehicle repair and service shops; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3988) of David C. Ahearn for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of establishing an ombudsman board to handle complaints relative to the sale of defective motor vehicles and the repair of motor vehicles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3990) of John Walsh relative to establishing a board of registration of automotive mechanics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4397) of Peter F. Harrington for the establishment of a board of registration of motor vehicle repair and service stations; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4789) of Royal L. Bolling that dealers in second hand motor vehicles or parts be

prohibited from selling, assigning or leaving by will a license to conduct such business, report recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5361) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS AND REGULATING AND LICENSING MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR AND SERVICE SHOPS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of two
2 members of the Senate, five members of the House of Represen-
3 tatives, the registrar of motor vehicles or his designee, the
4 chairman of the consumers' council or his designee, and six
5 persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a
6 representative of the automobile mechanics, one of whom shall
7 be a representative of the Automobile Dealers' Association, one
8 of whom shall be a representative of the Gas Station Owners'
9 Association, and one of whom shall be a representative of the
10 Independent Garage Owners' Association, is hereby established
11 for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the
12 subject matter of current senate document numbered 539,
13 requiring auto repairmen to guarantee their work for thirty days;
14 of current house documents numbered 92, providing for the
15 regulation and licensing of motor vehicle repair and service shops;
16 566, establishing a board of registration of automotive me-
17 chanics; 1329, establishing a bureau of retail automobile sales
18 and automobile repairs within the consumers' council; 1890,
19 providing for the regulation and licensing of motor vehicle repair
20 and service shops; 2826, providing for the regulation and
21 licensing of motor vehicle repair and service shops; of the
22 investigation and study proposed by current house document
23 numbered 3988, of the feasibility of establishing an ombudsman
24 board to handle complaints relating to the sale of defective
25 motor vehicles and the repair of motor vehicles; of current house
26 documents numbered 3990, establishing a board of registration
27 of automotive mechanics; 4397, establishing a board of registra-

28 tion of motor vehicle repair and service stations; and 4789,
 29 prohibiting dealers in second hand motor vehicles or parts from
 30 selling, assigning or leaving by will a license to conduct such
 31 business.

32 Said commission may report from time to time but not later
 33 than the last Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and
 34 seventy-two.