

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1593**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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SENATE, May 18, 1978.

The committee on Counties on the part of the Senate, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 125) of Carol C. Amick and other members of the Senate for legislation to increase the number of trustees for the Middlesex County Hospital and to provide for a study of the possible transfer of the fiscal responsibility of the hospital to private or public organizations, reports the accompanying resolve (Senate, No. 1593).

For the Committee,

B. JOSEPH TULLY

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL TO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

1 *Resolved*, that a special commission to consist of two mem-  
2 bers of the Senate to be appointed by the President and three  
3 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by  
4 the Speaker, one of whom shall be a member of the Joint  
5 Committee on Counties and one of whom shall be a member  
6 of the Committee on Health Care; the Commissioner of the  
7 state Department of Public Health or his designee; a member  
8 of the Middlesex County Advisory Board; the Dean of the  
9 Middlesex Community College Nursing School; the director  
10 of the Middlesex-Cambridge Lung Association; the Super-  
11 intendent of Fernald State School; the director of Middlesex  
12 County Hospital; a member of the bargaining unit of Middle-  
13 sex County Hospital employees union; and three persons to  
14 be appointed by the Governor, one to be an administrator of  
15 a public hospital, one an administrator of a private hospital  
16 and one a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health;  
17 is hereby established for the purpose of making an investiga-  
18 tion and study relative to the possible transfer of the fiscal  
19 responsibility for Middlesex County Hospital to private or  
20 public organizations other than Middlesex County.

21 Said commission shall, in the course of its investigation and  
22 study, consider alternatives for maintaining the operation of  
23 the hospital which would include, but not be limited to, the  
24 possible transfer of fiscal responsibility to private or public  
25 organizations other than Middlesex County.

26 Said commission may accept proposals from organizations  
27 qualified by experience to manage and control the hospital or  
28 groups who in the commission's opinion would be qualified  
29 to assure the continued operation of the hospital.

30 Said commission shall consider the possibility of amending

31 section eighty-seven of chapter one hundred and eleven of the  
32 General Laws as it relates to county commissioners perform-  
33 ing as trustees of Middlesex County Hospital. The commission  
34 shall consider recommending a new board of trustees for the  
35 hospital not to be less than three members and not to exceed  
36 nine members. In considering new trustees, the commission  
37 shall consider education and experience as it relates to the  
38 fields of medicine, administration and management.

39 Said commission shall report the results of its investigation  
40 and study, and recommendations, together with drafts of such  
41 legislation as may be necessary to carry such recommendations  
42 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate not  
43 later than the first Wednesday of June, 1979.

