

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5923

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## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 20, 1988.

The committee on Health Care, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 5772) of John E. McDonough for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to needle and syringe distribution statutes, reports recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5923) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN E. McDONOUGH.

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

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO NEEDLE AND SYRINGE DISTRIBUTION STATUTES.

1     *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of four  
2 members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the  
3 speaker, two of whom shall be members of the joint committee  
4 on health care and two of whom shall be members of the joint  
5 committee on criminal justice, two members of the senate to be  
6 appointed by the president one of whom shall be a member of  
7 the joint committee on health care and one of whom shall be a  
8 member of the joint committee on criminal justice, the attorney  
9 general or his designee, the commissioner of public health or her  
10 designee, and the secretary of public safety or his designee for the  
11 purpose of making an investigation and study relative to  
12 determining the adequacy and effectiveness of chapter  
13 ninety-four C of the General Laws, subsections twenty-seven (a)  
14 and thirty-two (i).

15     The speaker shall select one of the four house members to be  
16 house chairman of the special commission and the senate presi-  
17 dent shall select one of the two senate members to be senate  
18 chairman of the special commission.

19     Said commission shall examine the adequacy and effectiveness  
20 of said statutes in controlling intravenous drug abuse and shall  
21 further examine the effectiveness of said statute on the public  
22 health, in particular the effectiveness of said statute in controlling  
23 the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome among  
24 intravenous drug abusers. Said commission shall report to the  
25 general court the results of its investigation and study and its  
26 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation to  
27 carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the  
28 clerk of the house of representatives on or before the last  
29 Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.