

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 411

By Mr. Long of Westwood, petition of Alfred Gardner that provision be made for the final destruction of certain files of the Massachusetts Crime Commission. Rules (concurrently).

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN FILES OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO CRIME AND CORRUPTION.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to provide forthwith for  
3 the final disposition by burning of certain files of the special  
4 commission established to make an investigation and study  
5 relative to crime and corruption, therefore it is hereby  
6 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law or any vote  
2 or action of the special commission established under chapter  
3 one hundred and forty-six of the resolves of nineteen hundred  
4 and sixty-two, Alfred Gardner, former chairman of said  
5 commission and constituted custodian of the confidential files  
6 of said commission by chapter six hundred and fifty-four of  
7 the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-six, shall forthwith  
8 arrange for and supervise the complete destruction by burn-  
9 ing in his presence of the confidential files of said commission  
10 and of the stenographic notes taken by the official stenogra-  
11 phers at hearings before said commission and of the copies of  
12 any transcriptions of such notes, which files, notes and

13 transcriptions are in his custody and are in a separate and  
14 segregated vault in the archives division of the state secre-  
15 tary.

16 No one except said Alfred Gardner shall have access to the  
17 subject matter of said files, notes and transcriptions prior to  
18 their destruction.

19 After said files, notes and transcriptions have been des-  
20 troyed by burning, said Alfred Gardner shall file with the  
21 state secretary a certificate signed by him certifying that such  
22 destruction has taken place in his presence and under his  
23 supervision.

24 The provisions of chapter six hundred and fifty-four of the  
25 acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-six which are inconsistent  
26 with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.