

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2852

By Mr. Ohanian of Watertown, petition of Charles Ohanian for legislation to establish a dental health advisory commission. Social Welfare.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION.

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

1 Chapter 111 is hereby amended by adding after section 33  
2 the following sections, all of which may be known as and  
3 referred to as "Dental Health Advisory Commission":  
4 *Section 34.* There shall be an advisory commission on  
5 dental health consisting of the commissioner and the director  
6 of the division of dental health, both of whom shall serve  
7 *ex officio*, and six persons to be appointed by the governor, of  
8 whom two shall hold the degree of doctor of dental medicine  
9 or its equivalent, one who shall hold the degree of doctor in  
10 medicine, one who shall have training and experience as a  
11 water engineer, and one who shall have training and experi-  
12 ence as a toxicologist. The appointed members of the com-  
13 mission shall serve as follows: two to serve for one year, two  
14 to serve for two years and two to serve for three years from  
15 the first Monday of the following February and until the  
16 qualification of their respective successors, and thereafter two  
17 members shall be appointed in January of each year for three  
18 years from the first Monday of the following February and  
19 until the qualification of their respective successors. The  
20 members of the commission shall serve without compensation  
21 but shall receive their expenses necessarily incurred in render-  
22 ing such service.

23 *Section 35.* The dental health advisory commission shall  
24 meet the first Monday of February of each year and shall  
25 organize by electing a chairman from among its members. It  
26 may hold public hearings but shall not have the power to  
27 summons witnesses nor to require the production of books,  
28 records and papers. It shall consider and make recommenda-  
29 tions to the governor, the general court, and to the various  
30 departments of the executive branch, and shall make such  
31 suggestions for legislation or otherwise as in its view would  
32 tend to reduce or eliminate dental disease or defects or to im-  
33 prove dealth health.

34 *Section 36.* The chairman shall, with the approval of the  
35 commission, appoint an executive director who shall serve  
36 full time and who shall be paid at such salary as shall be  
37 appropriated for that purpose. Provision for his salary shall  
38 be contained in the budgets of the department. The executive  
39 director of the commission shall serve at the discretion of its  
40 chairman.