

By Mr. Colo of Athol, petition of H. Thomas Colo that provision be made for the final destruction of certain files of the special commission established to make an investigation and study relative to crime and corruption. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.

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 or
2 action of the special commission established under chapter one
3 hundred and forty-six of the resolves of nineteen hundred and
4 sixty-two, Alfred Gardner, former chairman of said commission
5 and constituted custodian of the confidential files of said
6 commission by chapter six hundred and fifty-four of the acts of
7 nineteen hundred and sixty-six, shall forthwith arrange for and
8 supervise the complete destruction by burning in his presence of
9 the confidential files of said commission and of the stenographic
10 notes taken by the official stenographers at hearings before said
11 commission and of the copies of any transcriptions of such notes,
12 which files, notes and transcriptions are in his custody and are in
13 a separate and segregated vault in the archives division of the
14 state secretary.

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

18 After said files, notes and transcriptions have been destroyed
19 by burning, said Alfred Gardner shall file with the state secretary

20 a certificate signed by him certifying that such destruction has
21 taken place in his presence and under his supervision.

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24 provisions of this act are hereby repealed.