

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray for an investigation and study by the Department of Public Health of the disease known as "Huntington's disease". Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

RESOLVE DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO STUDY THE DISEASE KNOWN AS HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE.

1 *Resolved*, The Department of Public Health is hereby autho-
2 rized to investigate and study the subject matter of the neurological
3 disorder known as Huntington's disease. The department shall
4 review the activities of health agencies in the private sector who
5 provide any type of service for victims of the disease and their
6 families and to what extent state agencies, hospitals or institutions
7 provide or do not provide health, medical or supportive services to
8 said persons or families, the feasibility of establishing a registry for
9 said disease and to study the range of options available to improve
10 the delivery of services to said persons or families. Said department
11 may hold hearings throughout the commonwealth, take testimony,
12 call upon officials of the federal government and its various agen-
13 cies or departments for such information as it deems necessary,
14 may call upon private health agencies and other persons who may
15 be knowledgeable in the field. Said department may accept and
16 expend any appropriations, grants or gifts of money, professional
17 services, consultant services, clerical and other services and supplies
18 from any source, public or private in the course of its investigation
19 and study.

20 Said department shall report to the general court the results of its
21 investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together
22 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations
23 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of
24 representatives, from time to time, but no later than December 31,
25 1980.

