Chap. 38 Resolve for an investigation and study by the department of public health relative to the decay of teeth resulting from a lack of fluorine.

Resolved, That the department of public health is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of all questions relating to the prevention of caries, including the prevalence of caries among the inhabitants of the commonwealth, best methods of preventing caries, and in connection with such investigation and study shall consider the application of fluorides to the public water supplies, the effectiveness of fluorine, its use in prophylactic treatments, and its use in lozenges, pills or mouth washes containing varying strengths of fluorine. Said department shall also consider the research work in the matter of caries control as carried

out by other states and by private organizations.

Said department may employ such medical, dental and engineering and other assistants as may be necessary in carrying out this investigation and study, and may incur such expenses as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this resolve, and shall report fully, with recommendations, to the general court on or before the first Wednesday of December in the current year, including in its report drafts of any legislation recommended by it. For the purposes aforesaid said department may expend such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, fifteen thousand dollars, as may hereafter be appropriated therefor; but before incurring any expenses the department shall from time to time estimate the amount required and shall submit the same to the governor and council for their approval and no expenses shall be incurred beyond the amount estimated and approved.

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Chap. 39 Resolve for investigation and study by the commission on administration and finance of the feasibility and cost of making weekly payment of wages to certain employees of the commonwealth.

Resolved, That the commission on administration and finance is hereby authorized and directed to investigate the feasibility and cost of establishing and maintaining a system of weekly payment of wages to all employees of the commonwealth whose wages are less than twenty-five hundred dollars a year and who desire weekly payment thereof. In the course of its investigation, said commission shall consider the subject matter of current house document numbered six hundred and seventy-eight. Said commission shall report to the general court its findings, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives not later than the first Wednesday of December in the current year.

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