

HOUSE No. 3393

By Ms. Reinstein of Revere, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3393) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein and others for an investigation and study by a special commission to evaluate the status of Massachusetts veterans long term care services. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the status of Massachusetts veterans long term care services.

1 **Resolved**, There is hereby established a special commission to evaluate the status of
2 Massachusetts' veterans long term care services, the need of such veterans for long term care
3 services, and the feasibility of establishing comprehensive long term care services for such
4 veterans. Said study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following factors:
5 (1) an exhaustive analysis of the number of veteran's who may need institutional care and
6 community-based long term care services in the Commonwealth; (2) the extent and nature of
7 long term care services currently available to such veterans; (3) an itemized list by location and
8 size of any and all federally owned facilities or spaces that may serve as long term care facilities
9 that may provide such services to such veterans, including the number of empty beds, so-called,
10 per facility that may be available for the provision of such services; (5) a cost-benefit analysis of
11 the number of beds required to serve any and all veterans that may not currently have access to
12 such long term care services; (6) the commonwealth's liability for subsidizing any and all long
13 term care services that the commission deems necessary to provide quality care to such veterans;
14 (7) a detailed and actuarially-sound assessment of the costs associated with establishing an

15 independent program of long term care for such veterans who may be in need of long term care
16 in Massachusetts; and (8) the availability of federal financial participation in establishing or
17 expanding long term care services to such veterans. Said commission shall consist of the
18 secretary of administration and finance, the commissioner of the division of medical assistance,
19 the commissioner of the division of health care finance and policy, the commissioner of the
20 department of public health, the secretary of elder affairs, the commissioner of the department of
21 veterans services, and the commandants of the Chelsea and Holyoke soldier's homes and four
22 persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a representative of the extended
23 care federation, one of whom shall be a representative of health care for all, and two of whom
24 shall be citizens who shall represent the interests of such veterans: and two members of the house
25 and one member of the senate. Said commission shall file a report on the results of its study,
26 together with recommendations and any legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into
27 effect with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, and the house and senate
28 committees on ways and means, no later than March 25, 2010.