

By Mr. Medeiros of Dartmouth (by request), petition of Victor O. B. Slater for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the methods used in settling personal injury and property damage claims resulting from automobile accidents. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING AN UNPAID COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY THE METHODS USED IN SETTling PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIMS RESULTING FROM AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to consist of two
2 members of the senate to be designated by the president thereof,
3 three members of the house of representatives to be designated
4 by the speaker thereof, and three persons to be appointed by the
5 governor, is hereby established to make an investigation and
6 study relative to the methods used by insurance companies in
7 settling personal injury and property damage claims resulting
8 from automobile accidents. Said commission shall be provided
9 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings,
10 may require by summons the attendance and testimony by wit-
11 nesses and the production of books and papers, may travel within
12 the commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and other
13 assistance such sums as may hereafter be appropriated therefor.
14 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of
15 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
16 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recom-
17 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
18 house of representatives not later than the first Wednesday of
19 December in the current year.

