

SENATE No. 1108

By Mr. Conte, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1108) of John J. Conte for legislation to establish a commission for the handicapped and defining its duties. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION FOR THE HANDICAPPED
AND DEFINING ITS DUTIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 6 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "handicapped",
3 in line 19, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 535 of the acts
4 of 1966, the words: — , the commission for the handicapped.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by
2 adding the following three sections: —

3 *Section 162.* There shall be a commission for the handicap-
4 ped, hereafter in this section and in section one hundred and
5 sixty-three and one hundred and sixty-four called the commis-
6 sion, consisting of the commissioner of education, the general
7 manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority,
8 the commissioner of public health, the commissioner of re-
9 habilitation, the director of the division of employment secur-
10 ity and the commissioner of natural resources, or their re-
11 spective designees, who shall be members ex officiis, and nine
12 persons to be appointed by the governor, of whom one shall
13 be appointed to represent the Massachusetts Medical Society
14 and one shall be appointed to represent the Massachusetts Bar
15 Association.

16 *Section 163.* The commission shall carry on a continuing
17 program to promote the employment of handicapped persons,
18 shall cooperate with all public and private agencies interested

19 in the employment of the handicapped, and shall cooperate
20 with all such agencies responsible for or interested in the re-
21 habilitation and placement of the handicapped. It may con-
22 duct such educational programs as it deems necessary.

23 *Section 164.* The commission shall report annually to the
24 general court and to the governor its activities and its recom-
25 mendations. The members of the commission shall receive no
26 compensation for their services. The commission may appoint
27 an executive secretary who shall be exempt from the provi-
28 sions of chapter thirty-one. The commission may expend for
29 the salary of the executive secretary and for other expenses
30 such sums as may be appropriated. The commission may also
31 receive funds by gift, bequest and otherwise and expend the
32 same in carrying out its program of promoting the health,
33 welfare and morale of handicapped persons.