

By Mr. O'Leary of Boston, petition of Gerald F. O'Leary for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to laws and practices pertaining to the nursing profession. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF ALL LAWS, REGULATIONS AND PRACTICES PERTAINING TO NURSING PERSONNEL.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of three
2 members of the senate, five members of the house, five
3 members appointed by the governor of whom one shall come
4 from the Massachusetts Federation of Nursing Homes, Mas-
5 sachusetts Medical Association and the Massachusetts Hos-
6 pital Association, shall investigate and study all laws, rules,
7 regulations and practices pertaining to the nursing profession
8 in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Such study shall also
9 be concerned with the employment practices of such per-
10 sonnel in all types of medical facilities in the commonwealth.
11 It shall also examine in the scope of its investigation and
12 study any and all practices relative to the licensing of nursing
13 personnel in the commonwealth and licensing with respect to
14 those individuals coming from foreign jurisdictions or from
15 other states of these United States, seeking certification in
16 the commonwealth with respect to licensing in any type of
17 medical facility in the commonwealth. Upon the completion
18 of the examination, investigation, study, etc. of the said laws,
19 rules and regulations and practices, the commission shall
20 recommend any appropriate change in the laws pertaining to
21 the profession of nursing. The commission shall concern itself
22 with the intention of alleviating the acute shortage of nursing
23 personnel in the commonwealth by the adoption of any
24 change in our laws as they exist in a manner consistent with
25 the public health and welfare.

