

HOUSE No. 1024

By Mr. Anthony of Haverhill, petition of Charles H. Anthony and Philip A. Graham for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the need and desirability of the "heart bill" coverage under the retirement system for public employees. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE "HEART BILL" COVERAGE OF THE RETIREMENT LAW.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of
2 three members of the senate to be designated by the president
3 thereof, five members of the house of representatives to be
4 designated by the speaker thereof, the commissioner of pub-
5 lic health and three physicians or surgeons who are special-
6 ists in diseases of the heart to be appointed by the governor,
7 is hereby established for the purpose of making an investiga-
8 tion and study relative to the provisions of chapter five hun-
9 dred and fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty,
10 as amended. Such investigation and study shall include the
11 need and desirability of the present coverage provided by the
12 so-called "heart bill", as amended, and the need and desir-
13 ability, if any, of extending such coverage to some or all other
14 employees of the commonwealth and the political subdivisions
15 thereof. The commission shall also investigate and study the
16 nature and value of physical tests and examinations submitted
17 to by employees now covered by the provisions of said chapter
18 five hundred and fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and
19 fifty, as amended. Said commission shall be provided with

20 adequate quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold
21 public hearings, may travel within and without the common-
22 wealth, and may expend for professional, clerical and other
23 services and expenses such sums as may be appropriated there-
24 for. Said commission shall report to the general court the re-
25 sults of its investigation and study, and its recommendations,
26 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
27 such recommendations into effect by filing the same with the
28 clerk of the house of representatives not later than the last
29 Wednesday of January nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.