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See Senate No. 588 of 1983.]

**SENATE . . . . . No. 573**

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By Mr. Bachrach, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 573) of George Bachrach that provision be made for an investigation and study relative to certain female-specific surgical procedures. Health Care.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

**RESOLVE RELATIVE TO CERTAIN FEMALE-SPECIFIC SURGICAL  
PROCEDURES.**

1     *Resolved*, The commissioner of public health shall investigate  
2 and study the cost to the commonwealth of hysterectomies,  
3 caesarian sections, and sterilizations of females, and shall  
4 compare the costs, rates of occurrence and trends of those  
5 surgical procedures in the medicaid population, the statewide  
6 population and the nation as a whole.

7     The commissioner shall also examine what changes, if any,  
8 here occurred in costs to the commonwealth and in rates of  
9 occurrence of hysterectomies and sterilizations subsequent to  
10 implementation in March nineteen hundred and seventy-nine,  
11 of federal informed consent requirements.

12    The commissioner shall, in addition, analyze the differences,  
13 if any, in costs and rates of occurrence of those procedures,  
14 between the various providers of such services, such as health  
15 maintenance organizations, and whether different rates of  
16 such procedures occur when nurse-midwives or other nurse  
17 practitioners are part of the patient care team.

18    The commissioner shall report to the general court the  
19 results of its study and its recommendations, if any, by filing  
20 the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or  
21 before the last Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and  
22 eighty-four.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/15/54

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