

HOUSE No. 2237

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, petition of Tom Sannicandro and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to health services and environmental conditions at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Framingham. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Tom Sannicandro
Kay Khan
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO EVALUATE HEALTH SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AT MCI FRAMINGHAM.

1 *Resolved*, That, Notwithstanding the provisions of any general
2 or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a Com-
3 mission to investigate, report on and recommend changes in, the
4 health services and environmental conditions at MCI-Fram-
5 ingham. Said commission shall collect and report on data on the
6 health status, health services and environmental conditions avail-
7 able to women including those awaiting trial, in temporary cus-
8 tody or part of the general population. Said commission shall
9 evaluate health services in comparison with community standards
10 for health care and environmental quality, prompt access to care
11 and appropriate treatment and staffing including psychological,
12 psychiatric, surgical and other interventions. The commission
13 shall develop strategic, legislative and financial recommendations
14 to address any differences in health care standards from those
15 expected of community hospitals and clinics licensed by the
16 Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Health
17 Care Quality.

18 The commission shall be composed of the House and Senate
19 Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety who shall serve as

20 co-chairs of the commission; the House and Senate Chairs of the
21 Committee on Health Care; the Secretary of Public Safety or his
22 designee; the Commissioner of Corrections or her designee; the
23 Commissioner of Public Health or her designee; the Commis-
24 sioner of Mental Health or her designee; one representative from
25 each of the following organizations:— Massachusetts College of
26 Emergency Room Physicians; Massachusetts Medical Society;
27 Massachusetts Public Health Association; Massachusetts Correc-
28 tional Legal Services; Governor’s Commission on Corrections
29 Reform.

30 Said commission shall file a report of its study, including its
31 recommendations and drafts of legislation with the clerks of the
32 Senate and House of Representatives on or before December 31,
33 2007. The sum of \$200,000 shall be separately appropriated for
34 the purposes of this act.