

HOUSE No. 3412

By Mr. Rushing of Boston, petition of Byron Rushing and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to establishing a new seal and new motto for the Commonwealth. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Byron Rushing	William Lantigua
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	Kay Khan
Matthew C. Patrick	Dorothy Ali
Gloria L. Fox	Kenneth Vezeau
Benjamin Swan	Denise Provost
Ruth B. Balsler	Stephen Kulik

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION
RELATIVE TO A NEW SEAL AND NEW MOTTO FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission is hereby established for the
2 purpose of examining the seal and motto of the Commonwealth to
3 determine that they accurately reflect and embody the historic and
4 contemporary commitments of the Commonwealth to peace, justice,
5 liberty and equality, and to spreading the opportunities and advan-
6 tages of education.

7 Said commission shall make recommendations regarding a
8 revised or new design of the seal of the Commonwealth and a
9 revised or new motto of the commonwealth, as described in Chapter
10 two, sections two to six, inclusive, of the General Laws.

11 Said commission shall consist of two members of the senate,
12 three members of the house of representatives, the secretary of the
13 Commonwealth or his designee, the executive director of the Massa-
14 chusetts historical commission or his designee, the executive
15 director of the council on arts and humanities or his designee, and
16 five persons to be appointed by the governor, three of whom shall be
17 of native American descent of Massachusetts tribes to be selected
18 from a list of six nominees to be submitted by the executive director
19 of the commission on Indian affairs.

20 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its
21 investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together
22 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into
23 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representa-
24 tives on or before the first Wednesday of December, 2008. Said
25 commission shall not receive funds appropriated by the common-
26 wealth, provided, however, that they may seek, accept and expend
27 any grants or gifts of money, professional services, consultant serv-
28 ices, clerical and other services and supplies from the federal gov-
29 ernment or any other private or public source in the course of its
30 investigation and study.