

SENATE NO. 82

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. That a special commission, to consist of one member to be appointed by the
2 Secretary of Elder Affairs, one member, who shall be a member of the vocational rehabilitation
3 council, to be appointed by the commissioner of Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, one
4 member to be appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, one member
5 to be appointed by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, one member to be
6 appointed by the Director of the Home Care Assistance Program of the Independent Living
7 Division, one member be appointed by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and
8 Human Services, one member to be appointed by the League of Neighborhood Health Centers,
9 one member to be appointed by the Massachusetts Nursing Home Association, and three
10 members to be appointed by the Governor who shall be members of the general public; is
11 hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the needs of the
12 elderly blind and visually impaired citizens of the Commonwealth.

13 Said commission shall convene one month after this resolve is signed into law and shall file a
14 report one year thereafter with the offices of the House Clerk, Senate Clerk, and Governor
15 which shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations for improving programs and
16 services offered by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and local councils aging,
17 transportation programs for elderly blind and visually impaired citizens, and dissemination of
18 information regarding health care services and policies relative to elderly blind and visually
19 impaired citizens.