

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1016

By Mr. Havern, petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1016) of Robert A. Havern that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the process by which the Commonwealth issues motor vehicle drivers licenses to qualified applicants. Public Safety.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

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RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROCESS BY WHICH  
THE COMMONWEALTH ISSUES MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENSES TO  
QUALIFIED APPLICANTS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission of three members of the  
2 Senate to be appointed by the President, five members of the  
3 House to be appointed by the Speaker, the Secretary of Public  
4 Safety or his/her designee, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or  
5 his/her designee, and the Commissioner of Insurance or his/her  
6 designee is hereby established for the purpose of studying the  
7 process by which the Commonwealth issues motor vehicle drivers  
8 licenses to its qualified applicants.

9 Said commission shall investigate and study the technical  
10 processes by which a drivers license can be produced and delivered  
11 to each qualified applicant in the most direct, secure, quickest  
12 manner at the least cost to the Commonwealth and most  
13 convenience for each qualified applicant. Said commission shall  
14 also study the most effective way that other government agencies  
15 can utilize cost while recognizing the privacy rights of each licensee  
16 and applicant therefor.

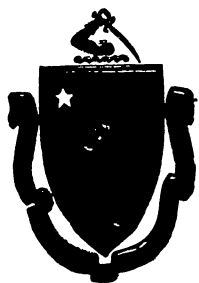
17 In addition said commission shall also study the feasibility of  
18 ~~sharing the responsibility for issuing said licenses with the cities~~  
19 and towns in exchange for sharing the revenue received for such  
20 issuances.

21 Said commission may travel within and without the  
22 Commonwealth and hold public hearings and meetings in the  
23 Commonwealth, may summon and consult with local, state, and

24 private officials and organizations concerned with such matters,  
25 may accept and expend public and private funds for such purposes  
26 and hire such staff and counsel as may be necessary for the work  
27 of the commission.

28 Said commission shall report to the House of Representatives  
29 the result of its investigation and study from time to time with  
30 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation  
31 necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, and shall file  
32 its final report with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on  
33 or before December 31, 1993.

34 Said commission also requests that the present system of  
35 producing and delivering motor vehicle drivers licenses to  
36 qualified applicants remain in place and be not altered by the  
37 Commonwealth until the recommendations of this commission be  
38 issued or said commission is terminated whichever occurs earlier.



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WAYS AND MEANS

April 1, 1993

D. Margaret Drury  
Office of the City Clerk  
City of Cambridge  
City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

I have received your resolution regarding the Registry of Motor Vehicles' issuance of a Request for Proposal for a new centrally issued drivers license, as well as the attached letter signed by Deputy City Clerk John E. Flynn. I appreciate your input on this issue.

I have filed legislation to ensure a careful review of this situation prior to any action. Senate Bill 1016, A Resolve Establishing a Commission to Study the Process by which the Commonwealth Issues Motor Vehicle Drivers Licenses to Qualified Applicants, establishes a commission to review the questions that surround a change in procedure before the process is dramatically altered. This bill had a public hearing before the Committee on Public Safety last week, and it is still before that committee; I have enclosed a copy of the bill for your convenience.

I hope this information is useful to you, and I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact my office if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Havern", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT A. HAVERN  
State Senator

Consent Comm. # 20 S 155

Comm. from Senator Robert A. Havern,  
in acknowledgement for the resolution  
adopted by the City Council regarding  
a new centrally issued drivers  
license.

In City Council,

April 12, 1993

*Placed on file*