

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 390**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James J. O'Day*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to robotic surgery in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*James J. O'Day*

*14th Worcester*

*Michael DeVito*

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 390) of James J. O'Day and Michael DeVito providing for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to robotic surgery in the Commonwealth. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to robotic surgery in the Commonwealth.

1           **Resolved**, That there shall be a special commission on robotic surgery which shall make  
2 an investigation and study relative to the use of robotic surgery. The commission shall consist of  
3 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be the senate chair of the joint committee on public  
4 health, 1 of whom shall be a member of the majority party and 1 of whom shall be a member of  
5 the minority party to be appointed by the minority leader; provided however, that 1 member of  
6 the senate shall be designated as co-chair of the commission; 3 members of the house of  
7 representatives, 1 of whom shall be the house chair of the joint committee on public health, 1 of  
8 whom shall be a member of the majority party and 1 of whom shall be a member of the minority  
9 party who shall be appointed by the minority leader; provided, however, that 1 member of the  
10 house shall be designated as co-chair of the commission; the commissioner of public health, or a  
11 designee; a representative appointed by the Massachusetts Medical Society; a representative  
12 appointed by the American Urological Society; a representative of the Society of Gynecological  
13 Surgeons; a representative appointed by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons; a representative

14 appointed by the American Cancer Society; a representative of the American Heart Association;  
15 and 3 persons to be appointed by the governor who have undergone robotic surgery.

16 The commission shall investigate and review the use of robotic surgery and develop a set  
17 of best practices and principles for:

18 (i) training protocols for each application of robotic surgery currently being performed;

19 (ii) certification processes for new applications of robotic surgery; and,

20 (iii) guidelines for surgeon training and experience to perform robotic surgery.

21 The department of public health shall provide staff and other resources as the commission  
22 considers appropriate. The special commission may report to the general court from time to time,  
23 the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of  
24 legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the  
25 clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives not later than December 31, 2019.