

HOUSE No. 2733

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lori A. Ehrlich

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 bill:

An Act to study the feasibility of streamlining business registration.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i> | <i>8th Essex</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Dennis A. Rosa</i> | <i>4th Worcester</i> |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i> | <i>30th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> |
| <i>James M. Murphy</i> | <i>4th Norfolk</i> |

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By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2733) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of improving state agency information sharing capabilities to facilitate new business registration. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to study the feasibility of streamlining business registration.

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. There shall be a special commission to study the feasibility of improving
2 state agency information sharing capabilities within the Commonwealth to facilitate new
3 business registration. The commission shall consist of the Commonwealth to facilitate new
4 business registration. The commission shall consist of the Commonwealth's Innovation Officer
5 and the Commonwealth's Chief Information Officer, who shall serve as the co-chairs, the
6 secretary of administration and finance, or their designee; the secretary of the commonwealth, or
7 their designee; the attorney general of the commonwealth, or their designee; the treasurer of the
8 commonwealth, or their designee; the auditor of the commonwealth, or their designee; the
9 secretary of health and human services, or their designee, the secretary of energy and
10 environmental affairs, or their designee; the secretary of housing and economic development, or
11 their designee; the secretary of education, or their designee; the secretary of transportation, or

12 their designee; 3 individuals appointed by the governor; provided, 2 shall be a specialist in the
13 field of information technology; the president of the senate, or their designee; the speaker of the
14 house, or their designee; the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on state
15 administration and regulatory oversight, or their respective designees; the senate and house
16 minority leaders, or their respective designees. The commission shall make a comprehensive
17 study of the feasibility of improving information sharing capabilities to address duplicative
18 processes and streamline services to simplify new business registrations, particularly for small
19 businesses. The commission shall review each agencies requirements for new business
20 registrations to evaluate duplicative, burdensome, and unnecessary processes. The study shall
21 also include a financial analysis of the implementation of new technology or upgrades to existing
22 technology.

23 SECTION 2. The commission shall report to the joint committee on state administration
24 and regulatory oversight, the joint committee on economic development and emerging
25 technologies, and the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the clerks of the
26 house and senate the findings and recommendations if any no later than December 31, 2015.