

SENATE No. 1696

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 to study the feasibility of streamlining business registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael O. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Worcester

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1696) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to study the feasibility of streamlining business registration. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Resolve to study the feasibility of streamlining business registration.

1 Resolved, SECTION 1. There shall be a special commission to study the feasibility of
2 improving state agency information sharing capabilities within the Commonwealth to facilitate
3 new business registration. The commission shall consist of the Commonwealth’s Innovation
4 Officer and the Commonwealth’s Chief Information Officer, who shall serve as the co-chairs, the
5 secretary of administration and finance, or his designee; the secretary of the commonwealth, or
6 his designee; the attorney general of the commonwealth, or his designee; the treasurer of the
7 commonwealth, or his designee; the auditor of the commonwealth, or his designee; the secretary
8 of health and human services, or his designee; the secretary of energy and environmental affairs,
9 or his designee; the secretary of housing and economic development, or his designee; the
10 secretary of labor and workforce development, or his designee; the secretary of transportation, or
11 his designee; the secretary of education, or his designee; 3 individuals appointed by the
12 governor; provided, 2 shall be a specialist in the field of information technology; the president of
13 the senate, or his designee; the speaker of the house, or his designee; the senate and house chairs
14 of the joint committee on state administration and finance, or their respective designees; the

15 senate and house minority leaders, or their respective designees. The commission shall make a
16 comprehensive study of the feasibility of improving information sharing capabilities to address
17 duplicative processes and streamline services to simplify new business registrations, particularly
18 for small businesses. The commission shall review each agencies requirements for new business
19 to evaluate duplicative, burdensome, and unnecessary processes. The study shall also include a
20 financial analysis of the implementation of new technology or upgrades to existing technology.

21 SECTION 2. The commission shall report to the joint committee on state administration
22 and regulatory oversight, the joint committee on economic development and emerging
23 technologies and the house and senate committees on ways and means, the finding and
24 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry the
25 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of
26 representatives on or before December 31, 2015.