

HOUSE No. 1694

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shaunna L. O'Connell and Geoff Diehl

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 relative to the implementation of regulations on businesses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>

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By Representatives O'Connell of Taunton and Diehl of Whitman, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1694) of Shaunna L. O'Connell, Geoff Diehl and David F. DeCoste for legislation to delay the implementation of new regulations for a year subsequent to publication. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2800 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the implementation of regulations on businesses.

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. The fifth paragraph of section 6 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

4 Regulations other than emergency regulations, which are adopted pursuant to sections 2
5 and 3, shall become effective only 1 year after being published in accordance with this section,
6 or, in the case of any regulation as to which a later effective date is required by any law, or is
7 specified in such regulation by the agency adopting the same, upon such later date or upon 1 year
8 after such publication, whichever last occurs.

9 SECTION 2. Said fifth paragraph of said section 6 of said chapter 30A, as so appearing,
10 is hereby further amended by adding the following sentences:-

11 During the period between the adoption of, and effective date of, a regulation other than
12 an emergency regulation, the agency enforcing or administrating such regulation shall provide
13 information to those businesses or industries affected by the regulation by, either: (i) holding a
14 public hearing, notice of which shall be published at least 14 days prior to the hearing in an
15 appropriate newspaper, trade, industry or professional publication; or (ii) contacting the business
16 or industry directly through mail or electronic mail. Such information shall include, at a
17 minimum, a summary of the regulation, its intended purpose, and its anticipated impact on the
18 business or industry.