

**SENATE . . . . . No. 199**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/28/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 199) of Bruce E. Tarr, James M. Murphy and Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation to study the feasibility of streamlining business registration. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 235 OF 2015-2016.]

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