

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 establishing a commission to study municipal licenses..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to establishing a commission to study municipal licenses..

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. Chapter 40 of the general laws, is hereby amended by adding the following
2 new section:

3 SECTION 2. There shall be a special commission to study the streamlining of municipal
4 licenses for businesses. The commission shall consist of the following members, the chairs of the
5 joint Community Development and Small Businesses, who shall serve as co-chairs; 1 member
6 appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the
7 minority leader of the senate; the secretary of housing and economic development or a designee;
8 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association; 1 member appointed by the
9 Retailers Association of Massachusetts; 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts chapter of the
10 national federation of independent businesses; and 1 member appointed by the Massachusetts
11 Restaurant Association.

12 The commission shall hold at least three public hearings and shall solicit input from the
13 public, and businesses on the process of municipal licensing for businesses and ways to

14 streamline processes and procedures. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on
15 its findings and any legislative recommendations to update the laws of the commonwealth by
16 March 1, 2027.