

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition of Daniel E. Bosley and other members of the House for legislation to streamline business permit and licensing services for businesses in the Commonwealth. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT TO STREAM-LINE BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING SERVICES AND
REDUCE PAPERWORK FOR BUSINESSES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 6A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting the following new section after section 4: —
3 Section 6A. Each secretary shall establish one office of
4 licensing and permits that shall be charged with the issuing of all
5 permits and licenses within that executive office; excluding
6 licenses and registrations issued pursuant to chapter 112 M.G.L.

1 SECTION 2. The Commissioner of Administration and
2 Finance shall develop a master application form and procedure
3 to be used by all executive offices in the issuance of licenses and
4 permits.

1 SECTION 3. Each agency is hereby directed to develop a plan
2 to reduce paperwork for businesses to achieve state regulatory
3 compliance. Each plan shall be submitted to the Secretary of
4 Administration and Finance by July 15, 1991.

1 SECTION 4. The Secretary of Administration and Finance
2 shall review proposed plans by each state agency, and approve
3 or propose modification to said plans. Each state agency shall be
4 required to implement the final paper reduction plan that has been
5 approved by the Secretary of Administration and Finance by
6 December 31, 1991.

1 SECTION 5. The Secretary of Administration and Finance
2 shall thereafter be for certifying agency plans to reduce paperwork
3 to achieve state regulatory compliance for all regulations issued
4 after January 1, 1992.

1 SECTION 6. The Secretary of Administration and Finance
2 shall be responsible for conducting a review and investigation of
3 the effectiveness of said law. Such review and investigation shall
4 include, but not be limited to, whether the amount of paperwork
5 reduction is simplifying the regulatory review process for state
6 agencies and whether the reduction in paperwork requirements
7 is having a significant impact on the Commonwealth's business
8 in complying with state regulations.

9 Said Secretary shall transmit the results of said review and
10 investigation to the Joint Committee on Commerce and Labor,
11 and the House Committee on Ways and Means on or before
12 January 1, 1994.