

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1694**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Shaunna L. O'Connell and Geoff Diehl***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</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.

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[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)**  
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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.