

HOUSE No. 4030

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf

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 streamlining licensure, compliance, and contracting opportunities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/29/2021</i>

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By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4030) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others relative to streamlining licensure, compliance, and contracting opportunities. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to streamlining licensure, compliance, and contracting opportunities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 93 of the General Laws hereby amended by adding the following section:–

2 Section 115. (a) There is hereby established within the division of professional licensure
3 a one-stop online portal to streamline licensure applications, permitting requirements and
4 business registration. The division shall establish a one-stop online portal that shall serve as a
5 single, unified entry point for individuals and business owners to access and complete initial and
6 ongoing state services and requirements in relation to the creation or ongoing operation of a
7 business located in the commonwealth. The division shall manage and implement the portal
8 based on the results of an assessment conducted by the one-stop online portal advisory
9 committee.

10 (b) The one-stop online portal advisory committee is hereby established within the
11 division of professional licensure to provide guidance in the creation and implementation of the
12 one-stop online portal.

13 (c) The one-stop online portal advisory committee shall prepare an assessment detailing
14 recommendations for the creation, ongoing operation and management of the one-stop online
15 portal, to be file with the governor, the state secretary and the clerks of the house of
16 representatives and the senate not later than December 31, 2023. This assessment shall include
17 the following:

18 (1) An estimate of the costs for full implementation of the portal, including those
19 associated with technology, maintenance, sharing agency data, information security and other
20 start-up costs;

21 (2) An estimate of the costs of establishing and maintaining a call center staffed with
22 persons trained to answer questions and help businesses obtain information and services, along
23 with a recommendation as to where the call center should be located and the number of staff
24 necessary to operate it;

25 (3) Recommendations on the location, design and functionality of the portal;

26 (4) Recommendations as to the role of additional state agencies regarding the day-to-day
27 operational management of the portal;

28 (5) Recommendations on the timeline for developing and testing the portal;

29 (6) Identification of any statutory or regulatory changes that need to be made to existing
30 law to effectuate the portal's functionality;

31 (7) Identification of other state agencies that possess similar functions and content to
32 those of the portal so that those functions can be added to the portal;

33 (8) Identification of any impediments posed by federal law and recommended ways to
34 address each impediment;

35 (9) A comprehensive analysis of the processes of all state agencies, with a view toward
36 streamlining and reducing the paperwork necessary for individuals and businesses to interact
37 with each agency; and

38 (10) Recommendations on the scope of services to be provided by the portal. At a
39 minimum, services shall include:

40 (i) Application and renewal of licenses and fees incident to the start-up and operation of a
41 business;

42 (ii) Online payment of taxes and related costs imposed by state law incident to the
43 operation of a business;

44 (iii) Filing of documents and papers imposed by state law associated with the operation of
45 a business;

46 (iv) Creation of individual online accounts for each individual or business, which allows
47 the individual or business to monitor its filings, payments, deadlines and other business-
48 compliance activities;

49 (v) Providing information regarding compliance with local requirements; and

50 (vi) Notification of public contracting opportunities and resources for technical assistance
51 for individuals and businesses.

52 (d) The one-stop online portal advisory committee shall:

53 (1) Ensure that the portal has a web site and the ability to process new business
54 registrations as handled by the state secretary’s office, and will be in a testing phase for the
55 department of revenue's tax registration application by December 31, 2023; and

56 (2) Ensure that subsequent and additional online individual and business applications
57 maintained by the commonwealth shall be evaluated and prioritized.