

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1720**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Karen E. Spilka***

*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 accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship by partnering world-class innovators with state agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Karen E. Spilka*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1720) of Karen E. Spilka for legislation to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship by partnering world-class innovators with state agencies. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship by partnering world-class innovators with state agencies.

*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 as appearing in the 2012 official edition is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 7A the following new section:

3 Section 7B. Each secretary may, without regard to chapter 31, appoint an innovator-in-  
4 residence to provide services to the executive office for a period not to exceed 2 years. An  
5 innovator-in-residence shall be a full-time employee of the executive office and shall report  
6 directly to the secretary. The duties of an innovator-in-residence shall include, but are not  
7 limited to, assisting the executive office and agencies in improving outreach to small business  
8 and entrepreneurs to address their concerns and provide information regarding the work of the  
9 executive office and agencies; provide recommendations on inefficient or duplicative programs,  
10 if any; provide recommendations on methods to improve program efficiency and new initiatives;  
11 facilitate meetings and forums to educate the executive office and agencies about small business  
12 needs and concerns and to educate entrepreneurs on programs or initiatives of the executive

13 office and the agencies; facilitate in-service training sessions for employees of the executive  
14 office and agencies on issues related to the impact of the work of the executive office and  
15 agencies on the success of entrepreneurs and small businesses; provide technical assistance or  
16 mentorship to small businesses and entrepreneurs.

17           A person appointed to the position of innovator-in-residence shall be recognized by their  
18 industry peers as successful in their field; have demonstrated success in working with small  
19 businesses and entrepreneurs; and have developed, invented, or created a product and brought  
20 the product to the marketplace.

21           SECTION 2. Chapter 7 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is  
22 hereby amended by adding after section 4R the following new section:

23           Section 4S. The secretary may convene a working group of the innovators-in-residence  
24 appointed under section 7B of chapter 6A to discuss best practices, experiences, obstacles, and  
25 opportunities in each of the executive offices where the entrepreneurs in residence serve, and to  
26 make recommendations for collaboration among the executive offices in order to improve  
27 programs and initiatives which impact small businesses.