

H.693

Introduced by Representative Conquest of Newbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Commerce and trade; economic development

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an economic development specialist within the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide assistance to small businesses that are newly forming or expanding.

An act relating to creating an economic development specialist

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 2471e is added to read:

§ 2471e. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

(a) The Secretary shall create within the Department of Economic Development the position of Economic Development Specialist.

(b) The duties of the Economic Development Specialist shall include:

(1) to serve as a single point of contact within State government for small businesses in the process of forming or expanding;

1 (2) to provide a comprehensive list of all necessary registrations,
2 licenses, permits, and approvals required for the type of business and electronic
3 links to the forms or other documentation when available;

4 (3) to provide information and electronic links to State, federal, and
5 private sector economic development and business support programs;

6 (4) to provide ongoing support with further information and contacts
7 regarding State requirements; and

8 (5) to provide additional information as the Secretary determines would
9 benefit new small businesses.

10 Sec. 2. DESIGNATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

11 The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development shall designate
12 an existing position within the Agency of Commerce and Community
13 Development, and within its current budget, as the Economic Development
14 Specialist created in 3 V.S.A. § 2471e.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.