

1 S.139

2 Introduced by Senator Westman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Executive; Commerce and Community Development; Department of
6 Economic Development; Division of Manufacturing and Innovation

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a
8 Division of Manufacturing and Innovation within the Department of Economic
9 Development of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

10 An act relating to supporting manufacturing and industry

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

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

13 § 2471e. DIVISION OF MANUFACTURING AND INNOVATION

14 (a) The Division of Manufacturing and Innovation is created within the
15 Department of Economic Development.

16 (b) The Secretary shall designate an employee of the Department to serve
17 as the Director of the Division.

18 (c) The Director shall perform his or her duties with the benefit of the
19 advice and consultation of an advisory panel composed of individuals with

1 expertise in Vermont manufacturing industries, who shall be appointed as
2 follows:

3 (1) three members appointed by the Vermont Manufacturing Extension
4 Center;

5 (2) three members appointed by the Associated Industries
6 of Vermont; and

7 (3) three members selected by majority vote of the directors of the
8 regional development corporations.

9 (d) The purpose of the Division shall be:

10 (1) to raise the profile and visibility of Vermont manufacturing
11 industries within the Agency and throughout the State;

12 (2) to preserve and provide support to existing Vermont manufacturing
13 businesses;

14 (3) to review actions of state agencies and the General Assembly to
15 determine the impact of those actions on Vermont manufacturing;

16 (4) to develop regulatory recommendations to retain and expand
17 Vermont manufacturing industries; and

18 (5) to develop legislative recommendations to retain and expand
19 Vermont manufacturing industries.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.