



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1284

PRINTERS NO. 3816

PRIME SPONSOR: Peifer

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Enacts the Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop Act to provide online, one-stop services to assist businesses. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation establishes an electronic One-Stop Shop under the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to establish a single online access point to aid business owners and potential business owners.

One-Stop Shop: The electronic One-Stop Shop is intended to aid business owners and potential business owners in identifying and securing the necessary permits, licenses, certifications, applications, forms and registrations associated with satisfying the legal requirements necessary to lawfully establish and operate a business in this Commonwealth.

The One-Stop Shop shall provide for these functions:

- The registration of business names under 54 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 (relating to corporate and other association names).
- The professional licensure requirements for businesses imposed by the Commonwealth.
- The registration of business structures with the Department of State.
- The registration of a fictitious name with the Department of State under 54 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3 (relating to fictitious names).
- The registration of State tax accounts with the Department of Revenue.
- The registration of employer accounts with the Department of Labor and Industry.
- The identification of points of contact for political subdivisions which may have applicable local registrations, permits, zoning requirements or other requirements.

The One-Stop Shop may provide for these additional functions:

- Store general individual business account information.
- Automatically refill recurring fields on permit applications.
- Allow electronic payment and submission of permit application, fees, or fines.
- Track status of payments and pending permit applications.
- Record electronic signatures.
- Provide customized, agency-created to-do lists specific to individual business accounts.
- Provide online interaction between DCED, Commonwealth agencies, and the individual business account holders.
- Confidentially protect information stored in the One-Stop Shop and record backup records of all activities, including time-stamp information on permit submission.

Agency Cooperation: At the request of DCED, a Commonwealth agency shall provide technical assistance and guidance for the implementation of additional features or resources of the One-Stop Shop. A Commonwealth agency shall cooperate in good faith with DCED for the development of additional features or resources of the One-Stop Shop.

Preservation of Agency Authority: The legislation provides that the act shall not supersede any regulatory authority granted to any Commonwealth agency.

Annual Report: DCED shall submit an annual report on the One-Stop Shop and include information on the number of businesses assisted and types of assistance provided to each business to the respective standing committee chairs in the House and the Senate.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation simply codifies the Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop that DCED launched back in February of 2018.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.