

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1284

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AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 25, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Peifer

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1284 enacts the Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop Act within the Department of Community and Economic Development (department) to provide online, one-stop service to assist businesses.

The legislation requires the creation of an online portal that includes the following functions:

- The registration of business names under 54 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5;
- Professional licensure requirements for businesses;
- 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;
- The registration of state tax accounts with the Department of Revenue;
- The registration of employer accounts with the Department of Labor and Industry; and
- The identification of points of contact for political subdivisions which may have applicable local registrations, permits zoning requirements or other requirements.

The portal may also provide additional functions including:

- Storing general individual business account information;
- Automatic refill of recurring fields on permit applications;
- Allowance of electronic payment and submission of applications, fees and fines;
- Tracking the status of payments from Commonwealth agencies to contractors and application progress;
- Recording electronic signatures;
- Providing agency-created 'to-do' lists for business accounts;
- Providing interaction between the department, other commonwealth agencies and businesses; and
- The protection of information and recording of back-up records of activities and time-stamp information for submissions.

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House Bill 1284 requires other Commonwealth agencies to provide technical assistance and cooperate in good faith for the development and implementation of additional features or resources provided in the portal.

The department shall submit a report to the majority and minority chairs of the Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee of the Senate and the majority and minority chairs of the Commerce Committee of the House of Representative, which includes information on the number of businesses assisted and types of assistance provided to each business.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1284 has no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. The legislation puts into statute a current program operated by the department since February 2018.