

House Bill 3247

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Secretary of State to consolidate and simplify business registry functions to enable person to register business and obtain authority to transact business in most expeditious manner possible. Directs Secretary of State to provide repository of information by means of which person may find and apply for tax incentives, loans and technology assistance for starting business. Requires Secretary of State to consult and seek recommendations from appropriate state agencies, local governments, local agencies and private associations.

Requires Secretary of State to submit report that describes efforts to comply with provisions of Act.

Becomes operative January 1, 2012.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Secretary of State's business registry functions; amending ORS 56.022; and declaring
3 an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 56.022 is amended to read:

6 56.022. (1) The Secretary of State [*shall have*] **has** the power and authority reasonably necessary
7 to enable the Secretary of State to carry out business registry functions and other duties imposed
8 on the Secretary of State under ORS chapters 58, 60, 62, 63, 65, 67, 70, 554, 647, 648 and 649 and
9 ORS 128.560 to 128.600 and 661.210 to 661.280, including the authority to promulgate rules governing
10 the procedure and form for submitting documents to be filed by the Secretary of State and the pro-
11 cedure and form for filing and retaining the documents and any other records required to be kept.

12 (2) **The Secretary of State, to the extent practicable, shall consolidate and simplify the**
13 **business registry functions described in subsection (1) of this section in such a manner as**
14 **to enable a person to register a business and otherwise obtain authority to transact business**
15 **in this state in the most expeditious manner possible. The Secretary of State shall also pro-**
16 **vide a repository of information that is accessible to the public by means of which a person**
17 **may find and apply for tax incentives, loans and technology assistance for starting a business**
18 **in this state. The Secretary of State shall consult with and seek recommendations with re-**
19 **spect to the duties set forth in this subsection from appropriate state agencies, local gov-**
20 **ernments, local agencies and private associations.**

21 (3) **On or before the date each year on which the Legislative Assembly convenes in reg-**
22 **ular session, the Secretary of State shall submit a report that describes the Secretary of**
23 **State's efforts to comply with subsection (2) of this section and the results the Secretary of**
24 **State obtained. The report shall recommend additional legislation, funding or other steps**
25 **that are necessary to improve the Secretary of State's compliance with subsection (2) of this**
26 **section.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 2.** (1) The amendments to ORS 56.022 by section 1 of this 2011 Act become op-
2 erative on January 1, 2012.

3 (2) The Secretary of State may take any action before the operative date specified in
4 subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the Secretary of State to exercise,
5 on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties,
6 functions and powers conferred on the Secretary of State by the amendments to ORS 56.022
7 by section 1 of this 2011 Act.

8 **SECTION 3.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
9 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
10 on its passage.

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