A-Engrossed House Bill 2643

Ordered by the House June 14 Including House Amendments dated June 14

Sponsored by Representative MCKEOWN; Representatives DAVIS, FAGAN, GOMBERG, REARDON, THATCHER, UNGER (Presession filed.)

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.

[Directs Office of Secretary of State to conduct study regarding fees imposed on small businesses by local and state agencies and to implement program to assist small businesses in obtaining waivers or deferrals of fees.]

Directs Secretary of State to maintain Oregon License Directory as searchable database containing information regarding licenses, permits and registrations for which fees and feerelated regulations are imposed on small businesses by local agencies and state agencies, and to make directory available on Internet to public free of charge.

Directs local agencies and state agencies to report information designated by Secretary of State by rule for inclusion in directory, and to review and update information annually.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to small business fees; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Local agency" means every county, city, school district, municipal organization, district or political subdivision, or any board, commission or agency thereof, or any other local public agency.
 - (b) "Small business" means a prospective, new or established business with 100 or fewer employees that is or will be located in Oregon.
 - (c) "State agency" means every state office, department, division, bureau, board or commission or any other state agency.
 - (2) The Secretary of State shall maintain the Oregon License Directory as a searchable, statewide database containing information regarding licenses, permits and registrations for which fees and fee-related regulations are imposed on small businesses by local agencies and state agencies in Oregon. The Secretary of State shall make the Oregon License Directory available on the Internet to the public free of charge.
 - (3) All local agencies and state agencies that have functions related to the issuance of licenses, permits and registrations for which fees and fee-related regulations are imposed on small businesses must:
 - (a) Report information in a manner to be designated by the Secretary of State by rule for inclusion in the Oregon License Directory, including but not limited to information regarding the average time to process and issue licenses, permits and registrations for which fees are imposed on small businesses and the number of active licenses, permits and regis-

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 - (b) Review and update the information required under paragraph (a) of this subsection on or before July 1, but not later than September 1, of each year.
 - (4) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
 - SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2013 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2014.
 - (2) The Secretary of State may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the Secretary of State to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, the duties, functions and powers conferred upon the Secretary of State by section 1 of this 2013 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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