

CHAPTER 2012-139

House Bill No. 5501

An act relating to the One-Stop Business Registration Portal; amending s. 288.109, F.S.; directing the Department of Revenue to establish the One-Stop Business Registration Portal through which individuals and businesses may submit applications for various licenses, registrations, or permits, file various documents, or remit payment for various fees to a state department or agency; authorizing the department to contract for the development and maintenance of the portal's Internet website; requiring certain state departments to cooperate with the department in the development and implementation of the portal; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on the portal's implementation and expansion; authorizing the department to provide certain information relative to the One-Stop Business Registration Portal to certain state departments and agencies and local governments; authorizing the department to adopt rules; deleting provisions relating to the One-Stop Permitting System of the former State Technology Office, including provisions authorizing individuals and businesses to apply for certain state, regional, and local development permits through an Internet site developed by the office; repealing ss. 288.1092, 288.1093, and 288.1095, F.S., relating to the One-Stop Permitting System Grant Program and the award of grants to counties that participate in the One-Stop Permitting System, the Quick Permitting County Designation Program and the designation of a county as a Quick Permitting County, and the distribution of literature explaining the One-Stop Permitting System and the Quick Permitting County designations; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 288.109, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(Substantial rewording of section. See s. 288.109, F.S., for present text.)

288.109 One-Stop Business Registration Portal.—

(1) By January 1, 2013, the Department of Revenue shall establish and implement the One-Stop Business Registration Portal that, through an Internet website, provides individuals and businesses with a single point of entry for:

(a) Completing and submitting applications for various licenses, registrations, or permits that must be issued by a state department or agency in order for the applicants to transact business in the state.

(b) Filing various documents that must be filed with a state department or agency in order for the filers to transact business in the state.

(c) Remitting payment for various fees that must be paid to a state department or agency, including, but not limited to, application fees, license fees, registration fees, permit fees, and filing fees.

(2) The Department of Revenue, after establishment of the Internet website for the One-Stop Business Registration Portal, shall implement, in the most timely manner practicable, the capabilities described in subsection (1).

(3) The Department of Revenue may competitively procure and contract for services to develop and maintain the Internet website for the One-Stop Business Registration Portal.

(4) The following departments shall cooperate with the Department of Revenue in the development and implementation of the One-Stop Business Registration Portal:

(a) The Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

(b) The Department of Economic Opportunity.

(c) The Department of Financial Services.

(d) The Department of the Lottery.

(e) The Department of Management Services.

(f) The Department of State.

(5) By January 1 of each year, beginning in 2013, the Department of Revenue shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the implementation of the One-Stop Business Registration Portal. The report must include a complete and detailed description of the department's activities and accomplishments related to implementation of the One-Stop Business Registration Portal during the previous calendar year. The report must also include a plan for expansion of the One-Stop Business Registration Portal to allow individuals and businesses to submit applications through the portal for various licenses, registrations, or permits issued by local governments. The report may also include recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the One-Stop Business Registration Portal and increasing participation by state departments and agencies and local governments.

(6) The Department of Revenue may provide information relative to this section to each state department or agency and local government that, in the conduct of its official duties, participates in the One-Stop Business Registration Portal. However, to the extent that such information is not otherwise confidential, information collected from an individual or business

by a state department or agency or local government does not become confidential solely because the information is collected through the One-Stop Business Registration Portal.

(7) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 2. Sections 288.1092, 288.1093, and 288.1095, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor April 20, 2012.

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