

1 AN ACT concerning economic development.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Small Business Advisory Act is amended by
5 changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 692/10)

7 Sec. 10. Small business advisory web pages site.

8 (a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this Act,
9 each Agency must create and make available on the World Wide
10 Web a small business advisory page.

11 (b) Each agency that (i) has adopted or is preparing to
12 adopt any rule affecting small businesses or (ii) is designated
13 to administer legislation affecting small businesses that has
14 become law must prepare and post on its small business advisory
15 web page a plain language explanation of the rule or
16 legislation. The explanation must indicate the effective date
17 of the rule or legislation. The explanation must remain posted
18 for a minimum of 6 months after the effective date of the rule
19 or legislation. Agencies shall consult with the Department and
20 small businesses in developing uniform web page standards.

21 If a rule has been proposed but not adopted, an explanation
22 of the rule must be posted as soon as possible in order to
23 allow input and comment from affected small businesses. The
24 State agency must, in addition to posting a plain language
25 explanation of the rule, post notice of the time, date, and
26 place of any public hearings, together with the names,
27 addresses, and telephone numbers of the agency rulemaking
28 contact; what must be done by members of the public who wish to
29 provide testimony on the rulemaking; and the names and
30 Springfield and district office addresses and telephone
31 numbers of the members of the Joint Committee.

32 (c) When each agency updates its small business advisory

1 web page, it shall notify the Department. The Department,
2 through its First Stop Business Information Center, shall serve
3 as a central clearinghouse notifying the small business
4 community of each agency's rulemakings and changes in
5 requirements. Furthermore, the Department shall seek input
6 from the small business community on the changes and inform the
7 appropriate agency and where applicable, the Joint Committee,
8 of the input.

9 The Department, as a part of its clearinghouse function,
10 shall maintain a central small business advisory web page that
11 shall serve as a coordinated point of access to all agencies'
12 business advisory web pages.

13 (Source: P.A. 93-318, eff. 1-1-04.)