

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform  
5 Act is amended by adding Section 20 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 608/20 new)

7 Sec. 20. Review of rules and regulations; reporting.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Small business" means a corporation or a concern,  
10 including its affiliates, that is independently owned and  
11 operated, not dominant in its field, and employs fewer than 50  
12 full-time employees or has gross annual sales of less than  
13 \$4,000,000. For purposes of a specific rule, an agency may  
14 define small business to include employment of 50 or more  
15 persons if it finds that such a definition is necessary to  
16 adapt the rule to the needs and problems of small businesses  
17 and organizations.

18 "State agencies" means all officers, boards, commissions,  
19 and agencies of the executive branch, including all officers,  
20 departments, boards, commissions, agencies, institutions,  
21 authorities, universities, and bodies politic and corporate  
22 thereof; and administrative units or corporate outgrowths of  
23 the State government which are created by or pursuant to

1 statute, other than units of local government and their  
2 officers, school districts and boards of election  
3 commissioners; all administrative units and corporate  
4 outgrowths of the above and as may be created by executive  
5 order of the Governor.

6 (b) Each State agency shall scrutinize its rules,  
7 administrative regulations, and permitting processes as they  
8 pertain to small businesses in order to identify those rules,  
9 regulations, and processes that are unreasonable, unduly  
10 burdensome, duplicative, or onerous to small businesses. The  
11 goal of this review is for each State agency to:

12 (1) recommend changes that will lessen the reporting  
13 and paper work requirements on small businesses while still  
14 achieving the intent of the underlying statute;

15 (2) eliminate unnecessary or antiquated permit  
16 requirements;

17 (3) consolidate duplicative or overlapping permit  
18 requirements;

19 (4) simplify overly complex or lengthy application  
20 procedures; and

21 (5) expedite time-consuming agency review and approval  
22 procedures.

23 (c) Each State agency must conduct its initial review of  
24 its rules, regulations, and permitting processes under  
25 subsection (b) of this Section within one year of the effective  
26 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, and

1 every 5 years thereafter. At the conclusion of each review,  
2 each State agency must issue a report containing the results  
3 from its review and any recommendations to the Office of  
4 Business Permits and Regulatory Assistance, the Governor, and  
5 the General Assembly.