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AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 605-1007 as follows:

(20 ILCS 605/605-1007 new)

Sec. 605-1007. New business permitting portal.

(a) By July 1, 2017, the Department shall create and maintain a website to help persons wishing to create new businesses or relocate businesses to Illinois. The Department shall consult with at least one organization representing small businesses in this State while creating the website.

(b) The website shall include:

(1) an estimate of license and permitting fees for different businesses;

(2) State government application forms for business licensing or registration;

(3) hyperlinks to websites of the responsible agency or organization responsible for accepting the application; and

(4) contact information for any local government permitting agencies that may be relevant.

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(c) The Department shall contact all agencies to obtain business forms and other information for this website. Those agencies shall respond to the Department before July 1, 2016.

(d) The website shall also include some mechanism for the potential business owner to request more information from the Department that may be helpful in starting the business, including, but not limited to, State-based incentives that the business owner may qualify for when starting or relocating a business.

(e) The Department shall update the website at least once a year before July 1. The Department shall request that other State agencies report any changes in applicable application forms to the Department by June 1 of every year after 2016.