

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1522

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1522 by replacing
3 the title with the following:

4 "AN ACT concerning State government."; and

5 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
6 following:

7 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
8 Small Business Advisory Act.

9 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

10 "Agency" means the same as in Section 1-20 of the
11 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

12 "Joint Committee" means the Joint Committee on
13 Administrative Rules.

14 "Small business" means any business concern with its
15 principal office in Illinois that has 50 or fewer employees.

16 Section 10. Small business advisory website.

17 (a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this
18 Act, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs must
19 create and make available on the World Wide Web a small
20 business advisory website. The site must have segregated

1 areas dedicated to the use of and maintained by State
2 agencies.

3 (b) Each agency that (i) has adopted or is preparing to
4 adopt any rule affecting small businesses or (ii) is
5 responsible for administering legislation affecting small
6 businesses that has been filed during any regular or special
7 session of the General Assembly or that has become law must
8 prepare and post on the small business advisory website a
9 plain language explanation of the rule or legislation. The
10 explanation must indicate the effective date of the rule or
11 legislation.

12 If a rule has been proposed but not adopted, an
13 explanation of the rule must be posted as soon as possible in
14 order to allow input and comment from affected small
15 businesses. When the proposed rule must be presented to or
16 reviewed by the Joint Committee, the State agency must, in
17 addition to posting a plain language explanation of the rule,
18 post notice of the time, date, and place of hearings before
19 the Joint Committee, together with the names and Springfield
20 and district office addresses and telephone numbers of the
21 members of the Joint Committee and a statement of what must
22 be done by members of the public who wish to appear before or
23 provide testimony or information to the Joint Committee. The
24 notice must be posted on the small business advisory website
25 as soon as possible in order to provide adequate notice of
26 the hearing to those persons who wish to be heard before the
27 Joint Committee.

28 Section 15. Advisory opinions and interpretations. Each
29 agency must post plain language versions of all advisory
30 opinions and interpretations of rules and statutes affecting
31 small businesses issued by the agency on the small business
32 advisory website. No person who acts or fails to act in
33 reasonable reliance in the advisory opinions and

1 interpretations may be held liable in any civil, criminal, or
2 regulatory action because of that act or failure to act.".