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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1462

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1462 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic  
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 605-1020 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1020 new)

8 Sec. 605-1020. Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot  
9 program.

10 (a) Subject to appropriation, there is hereby established  
11 an Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot program that shall be  
12 administered by the Department beginning on July 1 of the first  
13 fiscal year for which an appropriation of State moneys is made  
14 for that purpose and continuing for the next 2 immediately  
15 succeeding fiscal years; however, the Department is not  
16 required to administer the program in any fiscal year for which

1 such an appropriation has not been made. The purpose of the  
2 program shall be to encourage and assist beginning  
3 entrepreneurs in starting new information services,  
4 biotechnology, and green technology businesses by providing  
5 reimbursements to those entrepreneurs for any State filing,  
6 permitting, or licensing fees associated with the formation of  
7 such a business in the State.

8 (b) Applicants for participation in the Entrepreneur  
9 Learner's Permit pilot program shall apply to the Department,  
10 in a form and manner prescribed by the Department, prior to the  
11 formation of the business for which the entrepreneur seeks  
12 reimbursement of those fees. The Department shall adopt rules  
13 for the review and approval of applications, provided that it  
14 (1) shall give priority to applicants who are female or  
15 minority persons, or both, and (2) shall not approve any  
16 application by a person who will not be a beginning  
17 entrepreneur. Reimbursements under this Section shall be  
18 provided in the manner determined by the Department. In no  
19 event shall an applicant apply for participation in the program  
20 more than 3 times.

21 (c) The aggregate amount of all reimbursements provided by  
22 the Department pursuant to this Section shall not exceed  
23 \$500,000 in any State fiscal year.

24 (d) On or before February 1 of the last calendar year  
25 during which the pilot program is in effect, the Department  
26 shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly

1 on the cumulative effectiveness of the Entrepreneur Learner's  
2 Permit pilot program. The review shall include, but not be  
3 limited to, the number and type of businesses that were formed  
4 in connection with the pilot program, the current status of  
5 each business formed in connection with the pilot program, the  
6 number of employees employed by each such business, the  
7 economic impact to the State from the pilot program, the  
8 satisfaction of participants in the pilot program, and a  
9 recommendation as to whether the program should be continued.

10 (e) As used in this Section:

11 "Beginning entrepreneur" means an individual who, at  
12 the time he or she applies for participation in the  
13 program, has less than 5 years of experience as a business  
14 owner and is not a current business owner.

15 "Female" and "minority person" have the meanings given  
16 to those terms in the Business Enterprise for Minorities,  
17 Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
19 2017."