

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1522

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1522 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

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

9 "Joint Committee" means the Joint Committee on
10 Administrative Rules.

11 "Small business" means any for profit entity,
12 independently owned and operated, that grosses less than
13 \$4,000,000 per year or that has 50 or fewer full-time
14 employees. For the purposes of this Act, a "small business"
15 has its principal office in Illinois.

16 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and
17 Community Affairs."

18 Section 10. Small business advisory web pages site.

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

1 (b) Each agency that (i) has adopted or is preparing to
2 adopt any rule affecting small businesses or (ii) is
3 designated to administer legislation affecting small
4 businesses that has become law must prepare and post on its
5 small business advisory page a plain language explanation of
6 the rule or legislation. The explanation must indicate the
7 effective date of the rule or legislation. The explanation
8 must remain posted for a minimum of 6 months after the
9 effective date of the rule or legislation. Agencies shall
10 consult with the Department and small businesses in
11 developing uniform web page standards.

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. The State agency must, in addition to posting a
16 plain language explanation of the rule, post notice of the
17 time, date, and place of any public hearings, together with
18 the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the agency
19 rulemaking contact; what must be done by members of the
20 public who wish to provide testimony on the rulemaking; and
21 the names and Springfield and district office addresses and
22 telephone numbers of the members of the Joint Committee.

23 (c) When each agency updates its small business advisory
24 web page, it shall notify to the Department. The Department,
25 through its First Stop Business Information Center, shall
26 serve as a central clearinghouse notifying the small business
27 community of each agency's rulemakings and changes in
28 requirements. Furthermore, the Department shall seek input
29 from the small business community on the changes and inform
30 the appropriate agency and where applicable, the Joint
31 Committee, of the input.

32 The Department, as a part of its clearinghouse function,
33 shall maintain a central small business advisory web page
34 that shall serve as a coordinated point of access to all

1 agencies' business advisory web pages.

2 Section 15. Advisory opinions and interpretations. Each
3 agency must post plain language versions of all advisory
4 opinions and interpretations of rules and statutes affecting
5 small businesses issued by the agency on its small business
6 advisory web page. No person who acts or fails to act in
7 reasonable reliance in the advisory opinions and
8 interpretations may be held liable in any civil, criminal, or
9 regulatory action because of that act or failure to act.".