

HOUSE BILL No. 4759

May 22, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Lamonte, Lipton, Switalski, Townsend, Schor, Segal, Barnett, Santana, Abed, Yanez, LaVoy, Geiss, Cavanagh and Oakes and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to create certain offices in the executive branch; and to impose certain duties and responsibilities on certain offices and officers and on certain state employees and public employees.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Department" means the department of licensing and
3 regulatory affairs.

4 (b) "Office" means the office of small business and
5 entrepreneurship services created in section 2.

6 Sec. 2. (1) The office of small business and entrepreneurship
7 services is created in the department.

8 (2) The office shall do all of the following:

9 (a) Facilitate the creation and retention of small business
10 jobs in this state.

1 (b) Create and operate a 1-stop internet website for small
2 businesses and entrepreneurship services that does all of the
3 following:

4 (i) Provides step-by-step instructions on the governmental
5 requirements of how to start and operate a business in this state.

6 (ii) Is a comprehensive economic development resource for small
7 businesses in this state.

8 (iii) Contains a searchable database that directs job providers
9 to the websites of all relevant business organizations and
10 governmental entities governing their business based on location
11 and type of business.

12 (iv) Identifies appropriate academic programs, personnel, and
13 resources in Michigan colleges and universities that are available
14 to help small businesses and strengthen entrepreneurial activities.

15 (c) Coordinate programs across state government to create and
16 retain small business jobs in this state.

17 (d) Aid and assist small business and entrepreneurs in this
18 state.

19 (e) Work to create a business environment that encourages and
20 sustains entrepreneurship in this state.

21 (f) Work to empower entrepreneurs to take advantage of the
22 opportunities the market offers in this state.

23 (g) Facilitate the promotion of a positive customer service
24 culture of state employees who interact with the public.