

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 991

Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen
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An act to add Section 12019.5 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 991, as introduced, Olsen. State government: licenses: California Licensing and Permit Center.

Existing law requires members of the public to obtain license, permits, or to register with state agencies prior to undertaking certain types of tasks.

This bill would require the Governor to establish a Internet Web site, known as the California Licensing and Permit Center (CLPC), to assist the public with licensing, permitting, and registration requirements of state agencies. This bill would require the Governor to operate, via both e-mail and telephone methods, a help center to assist applicants with licensing, permitting, and registration requirements. This bill would require state agencies that the Governor determines has licensing authority to cooperate with this program by providing accurate updated information about their licensing requirements.

This bill would create the California License and Permit Fund in the State Treasury, and require state agencies that are required to participate in the CLPC to reallocate a portion of their operating budget, as specified, to pay for the operating cost of the CLPC. This bill would

state that upon appropriation by the Legislature revenues from the fund will be used only for purposes of the bill.

This bill would require the CLPC to be provided to public free of charge.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12019.5 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 12019.5. (a) The Governor, or his or her designee, shall, in
4 cooperation with the California Technology Agency, establish an
5 Internet Web site to assist the public with licensing, permitting,
6 and registration requirements. This Internet Web site shall be
7 known as the California Licensing and Permit Center (CLPC) and
8 shall be accessible from the Governor’s Web site. This Internet
9 Web site shall contain information on licensing, permitting, and
10 registration requirements of state agencies, and shall include, but
11 not be limited to, information that does all of the following:

12 (1) Assists potential applicants with identifying the type of
13 applications, forms, or other similar documents an applicant may
14 need.

15 (2) Provides a digital copy of all state applications, forms, or
16 other similar documents.

17 (3) Instructs potential applicants where to transmit applications,
18 forms, or other similar documents.

19 (b) The Governor, or his or her designee, shall operate, via both
20 e-mail and telephone methods, a help center that will assist
21 applicants with licensing, permitting, and registration requirements.

22 (c) The Governor, in cooperation with the California Technology
23 Agency, shall ensure that the Internet Web site is user friendly and
24 provides accurate, updated resources.

25 (d) Each state agency that the Governor determines has licensing
26 authority shall participate fully with this program by providing
27 accurate updated information about its licensing requirements.

28 (e) (1) The California License and Permit Fund is hereby
29 created in the State Treasury. Each state agency that is required to
30 participate in the CLPC shall reallocate funds annually from its
31 operating budget to the fund in the amount necessary to pay for

- 1 the agency's proportionate share of establishing and operating the
- 2 CLPC.
- 3 (2) All moneys in the fund shall, upon appropriation by the
- 4 Legislature, be used by the Governor only for the purposes of this
- 5 section.
- 6 (f) The CLPC shall be provided to the public free of any charges.

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