

Senate Bill No. 1327

CHAPTER 763

An act to add Section 12019.5 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1327, Cannella. State government: business information: Internet Web site.

Existing law requires a business to obtain various licenses from regulatory agencies. Existing law requires state agencies to take specified actions, including, but not limited to, designating a small business liaison, to assist small businesses to achieve compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

This bill would require the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to ensure that the office's Internet Web site contains information to assist an individual with the licensing, permitting, and registration requirements necessary to start a business. The bill would require a state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority to provide accurate updated information about its licensing requirements, and would prohibit a state agency from using this Internet Web site as the exclusive source of licensing information for the public. The bill would also authorize the Governor to impose a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual cost to provide the service, upon users of the Internet Web site.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12019.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:
12019.5. (a) The Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development shall ensure that the office's Internet Web site contains information on the licensing, permitting, and registration requirements of state agencies, and shall include, but not be limited to, information that does all of the following:

- (1) Assists individuals with identifying the type of applications, forms, or other similar documents an applicant may need.
- (2) Provides a digital copy of all state licensing, permitting, and registration applications, forms, or other similar documents where made available for download. If a direct link to a digital copy cannot be provided, the digital copy shall be posted and made easily accessible for download on the Internet Web site.

(3) Instructs individuals on how and where to submit applications, forms, or other similar documents.

(b) The Governor shall ensure that the Internet Web site is user friendly and provides accurate, updated information.

(c) (1) Each state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority shall provide accurate updated information about its licensing requirements.

(2) A state agency shall not use the Internet Web site established under this section as the exclusive source of information for the public to access licensing requirements for that agency.

(d) The Governor, or his or her designee, may impose a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual cost to provide the service, as a condition of accessing information on the Internet Web site established under subdivision (a).