

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 393

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

February 15, 2013

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 393, as introduced, Cooley. Office of Business and Economic Development: Internet Web site.

Existing law requires 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. Existing law also requires a state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority to provide accurate updated information about its licensing requirements, as provided.

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 on the fee requirements and fee schedules of state agencies and would also require a state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority to provide accurate updated information about its fee schedule, as provided.

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 of the Government Code is
 2 amended to read:

3 12019.5. (a) The Director of the Governor’s Office of Business
 4 and Economic Development shall ensure that the office’s Internet
 5 Web site contains information on the licensing, permitting, and
 6 registration requirements of state agencies, and shall include, but
 7 not be limited to, information that does all of the following:

8 (1) Assists individuals with identifying the type of applications,
 9 forms, or other similar documents an applicant may need.

10 (2) Provides a digital copy of all state licensing, permitting, and
 11 registration applications, forms, or other similar documents where
 12 made available for download. If a direct link to a digital copy
 13 cannot be provided, the digital copy shall be posted and made
 14 easily accessible for download on the Internet Web site.

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

17 *(b) The Director of the Governor’s Office of Business and*
 18 *Economic Development shall ensure that the office’s Internet Web*
 19 *site contains information on the fee requirements and fee schedules*
 20 *of state agencies, and shall include, but not be limited to,*
 21 *information that does all of the following:*

22 *(1) Assists individuals with identifying the types of fees and their*
 23 *due dates.*

24 *(2) Provides direct links to the fee requirements and fee*
 25 *schedules for all state agencies. If a direct link cannot be provided,*
 26 *the information shall be posted and made easily accessible on the*
 27 *office’s Internet Web site.*

28 *(3) Instructs individuals on how and where to submit payments.*

29 ~~(b)~~

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

32 ~~(e)~~

33 *(d) (1) Each state agency that the Governor determines has*
 34 *licensing authority shall provide accurate updated information*
 35 *about its licensing requirements and fee schedule.*

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

1 ~~(d)~~
2 (e) The Governor, or his or her designee, may impose a
3 reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual cost to provide the service,
4 as a condition of accessing information on the Internet Web site
5 established under ~~subdivision (a)~~ *subdivisions (a) and (b)*.

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