

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

M
A.S.

L.D. 112

DATE: 3-23-99

(Filing No. H- 79)

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 99, L.D. 112, "Resolve, to Study Current Regulations Imposed on Small Businesses to Require Greater Efficiency"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 4 (page 1, lines 32 to 40 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall study the extent of regulation on small business and shall develop an inventory of filings and permits required to start and continue operation of a small business to facilitate the study. The inventory must include, but is not limited to, filings required for taxation, licenses pertaining to health and safety compliance, licenses pertaining to pollution prevention and filings required under state labor laws. The task force is not required to undertake as part of the study an analysis of required professional licenses. The task force shall examine the purposes of the inventoried filings and permits, determine whether the filings and permits are necessary to meet legislative intent or federal regulations and examine areas in which there is duplication of federal and state filing requirements. For rules, licenses and permits that the task force determines are necessary to meet legislative intent or federal regulations, the task force shall review the permit, application and filing systems, including the One Stop License and Permit Center, to ensure that the systems are user-friendly and operating efficiently and shall make recommendations for improvements in the systems in its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development. If the task force determines that certain rules, licenses and permits are not necessary to meet legislative intent or federal regulations, the task force shall submit necessary enabling legislation for the elimination of those rules, licenses or permits; and be it further'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R 48

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 99, L.D. 112

Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the last line (page 2, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and inserting in its place the following: '; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1999-00

LEGISLATURE

**Task Force to Study the Effect of
Government Regulation on Small
Businesses**

Personal Services	\$880
All Other	2,100

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the expenses of other members of the Task Force to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses.

**LEGISLATURE
TOTAL**

\$2,980'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

1999-00

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$2,980
--------------	---------

This resolve provides a General Fund appropriation of \$2,980 in fiscal year 1999-00 to the Legislature for the per diem and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

expenses of legislative members and the expenses of other members of the Task Force to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses.

The additional costs associated with serving on the Task Force to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses can be absorbed by the Department of Economic and Community Development utilizing existing budgeted resources.

The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the task force during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting deadline is granted and the task force requires staffing assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for staff services.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the intent of the original resolve by specifying the duties of the task force. This amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note.