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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois' 1.2 million small business owners, and
3 the 2.5 million small business employees, deserve action from
4 every State agency covered under the Business Assistance and
5 Regulatory Reform Act, 20 ILCS 608, regarding the submission
6 of a statutorily mandated 5-year review of their rules,
7 regulations, and processes on small businesses to the Office
8 of Business Permits and Regulatory Assistance as indicated
9 under 20 ILCS 608/20; and

10 WHEREAS, The only State agencies to submit a report in
11 2022 were the Capital Development Board, the Department of
12 Central Management Services, the Department of Commerce and
13 Economic Opportunity, the Department of Employment Security,
14 the Department of Human Rights, the Department of Juvenile
15 Justice, the Department of Transportation, the Department of
16 Revenue, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, the
17 Human Rights Commission, the Illinois Environmental Protection
18 Agency, the Illinois Lottery, the Illinois Workers'
19 Compensation Commission, and the Office of the Illinois
20 Attorney General; and

21 WHEREAS, State agencies that did not submit a report in
22 2022 include the Banking Board of Illinois, the Business
23 Enterprise Council for Minorities, Females, and Persons with

1 Disabilities, the Cannabis Commission, the Climate Change
2 Advisory Council, the Commission on Equity and Inclusion, the
3 Elevator Safety Review Board, the Department of Agriculture,
4 the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the
5 Department of Innovation and Technology, the Department of
6 Insurance, the Department of Labor, the Department of Natural
7 Resources, the Department of Public Health, the Enterprise
8 Zone Board, the Future of Work Task Force, the Hispanic
9 Employment Plan Advisory Council, the Illinois Finance
10 Authority, the Illinois Gaming Board, the Illinois Institute
11 for Entrepreneurship Education, the Labor Advisory Board, the
12 Labor Relations Board, the Liquor Control Commission, the Main
13 Street Advisory Council, the Pollution Control Board, the
14 Procurement Policy Board, the Property Tax Appeal Board, the
15 Illinois Racing Board, the Illinois State Toll Highway
16 Authority, the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board, the
17 Illinois Works Review Panel, and the Office of Illinois State
18 Treasurer; and

19 WHEREAS, These State agencies should have submitted their
20 small business review reports especially after such an
21 unprecedented event as the COVID-19 pandemic; after the
22 pandemic caused the global economy to falter into a recession,
23 leaving millions unemployed, with thousands never to return to
24 the workforce, and supply chains unrecoverable, COVID-19's
25 impact on small businesses across the State could be felt for

1 generations to come; and

2 WHEREAS, Furthermore, it is disappointing that the
3 Pritzker administration has not publicly admonished its
4 departments for not fulfilling their statutory mandates; the
5 last 5-year report to be completed by every affected
6 department was in 2017; while the COVID-19 pandemic was a
7 hindrance on legislative and State activity in 2020, the most
8 recent 5-year report was due in 2022, which was more than
9 enough time for each department to submit a new report; and

10 WHEREAS, The effects of government on small business, from
11 the federal government funds through the Coronavirus Aid,
12 Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the American
13 Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the emergency declarations putting
14 curfews on businesses and designating which business were
15 deemed "essential", have all affected State agencies' rules
16 and regulations for small business, leaving the actions of
17 these agencies to be "overtly unreasonable, unduly burdensome,
18 duplicative, or onerous on small businesses" (20 ILCS 608/20
19 (b)); and

20 WHEREAS, Now that the pandemic has ended and the economy
21 has normalized, it is time for these State agencies to adhere
22 to the Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform Act and be in
23 accordance with its goal of the review for each State agency,

1 as listed under 20 ILCS 608/20 (b), to recommend changes that
2 will lessen the reporting and paper work requirements on small
3 businesses while still achieving the intent of the underlying
4 statute, to eliminate unnecessary or antiquated permit
5 requirements, to consolidate duplicative or overlapping permit
6 requirements, to simplify overly complex or lengthy
7 application procedures, and to expedite time-consuming agency
8 review and approval procedures; and

9 WHEREAS, In the Illinois House of Representatives, Rep.
10 Lance Yednock has filed HB 3017, representing progress in the
11 authority promised to the small business community from the
12 State government that "the provisions of this Act shall not
13 lessen or reduce such powers" of State government, but "shall
14 modify the procedures followed in carrying out such powers"
15 extended in the Act to ensure solidified cooperation between
16 small business and State government; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we implore each of the non-submittal agencies to submit their
20 5-year small business regulatory review to be in compliance
21 with the Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform Act, 20
22 ILCS 608; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the goal of this resolution is to improve

1 the State's business climate by making it easier for small and
2 mid-size businesses to deal with State requirements for doing
3 business; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker.