



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4981

by Rep. Mary Gill

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-1119 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall establish an office to serve as a single point of contact for the purpose of guiding businesses through the various registrations required by Illinois law and any unit of local government. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall prepare a report on the various registration or licensing requirements for small business and provide the report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2026. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 is amended by adding Section 605-1119 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-1119 new)

8 Sec. 605-1119. Supporting small business creation.

9 (a) Small businesses are the lifeblood of Illinois'
10 economy, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the
11 businesses created in Illinois since 2020 have fewer than 20
12 employees. Those businesses have created more than 172,000
13 jobs. However, various State and local laws impose
14 requirements on new businesses that can create difficulties
15 for those businesses. This is particularly true for businesses
16 with little to no capital or those located in areas with
17 limited legal resources. In Illinois, new small businesses are
18 often required to register or provide information to multiple
19 State agencies, including, but not limited to, the Secretary
20 of State, the Department of Revenue, the Department of
21 Employment Security, the Department of Labor, the Department
22 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Environmental
23 Protection Agency, and the Department of Financial and

1 Professional Regulation. Additionally, counties and some
2 municipalities have established their own regulatory
3 requirements. Each registration requires an additional fee.
4 Navigating these registration requirements often requires
5 legal assistance. It is the intent of the General Assembly to
6 ensure that small businesses have an opportunity to thrive and
7 help grow the State's economy without the burden of
8 overregulation.

9 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
10 establish an office within the Department to serve as a single
11 point of contact for the purpose of guiding businesses through
12 the various registrations required by Illinois law and any
13 unit of local government. This includes, but is not limited
14 to, registrations required by the Secretary of State, the
15 Department of Revenue, the Department of Labor, the Department
16 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Environmental
17 Protection Agency, and the Department of Financial and
18 Professional Regulation.

19 (c) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
20 shall prepare a report on the various registration or
21 licensing requirements for small business and provide the
22 report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December
23 31, 2026.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.