

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015A SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Appropriations

SB 2506-A — Florida Business Information Portal

by Senator Lee

The bill:

- Directs the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (department) to establish and implement, by June 30, 2017, the Florida Business Information Portal (portal) that provides the information needed to start and operate a business in Florida.
- Requires the portal to include, but is not limited to the following:
 - A downloadable guide to starting and operating a business in Florida.
 - A list of business types and an associated checklist for starting each type of business.
 - Links to guide users to appropriate state licensing, permitting, and registration agencies' websites.
 - Information regarding business tax registration and filing.
 - Information on registering with the Department of State.
- Specifies the state agencies that must cooperate with the department in the development, implementation, and ongoing content updates.
- Requires the department to submit a report with recommendations and estimated costs for including local government information in the portal to the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1, 2017.
- Repeals s. 215.1995, F.S., which established the One-Stop Business Registration Portal Clearing Trust Fund in the Department of Revenue.
- Repeals s. 288.109, F.S., which directed the Department of Revenue to establish and implement the One-Stop Business Registration Portal.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions are effective on July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0