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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to streamlining the issuance of  
3           licenses, certifications, and registrations issued by  
4           state agencies; providing a short title; providing  
5           legislative findings and intent; requiring the  
6           Governor to establish the One-Stop Business Workgroup;  
7           providing for the membership of the workgroup;  
8           authorizing the workgroup to consult with other  
9           agencies and use consultants; providing duties of the  
10          workgroup; requiring that the workgroup submit a plan  
11          for establishing a licensing portal to the Governor  
12          and Legislature by a specified date; providing  
13          requirements for the plan to implement a technology  
14          solution for businesses and individuals to access  
15          state business licenses, certifications, and  
16          registrations; providing an effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20           Section 1. (1) This act may be cited as "Florida's One-Stop  
21 Business Connect Act."

22           (2) The Legislature finds that:

23           (a) Individuals who start and operate businesses in this  
24 state must interact with multiple state agencies to obtain  
25 licenses, registrations, and tax certificates needed to legally  
26 operate in this state. This process can be time-consuming and  
27 frustrating for businesses and often requires business owners to  
28 provide similar information to multiple agencies.

29           (b) State-government requirements for starting and

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30 operating a business in this state are often cumbersome and  
31 place avoidable burdens on business owners. For several years,  
32 the Legislature has recognized that these requirements do not  
33 serve to promote this state as a business-friendly state that  
34 actively supports the growth of jobs, businesses, and economic  
35 opportunities.

36 (c) A phased, deliberative, and collaborative approach is  
37 necessary to streamline and automate the state's business  
38 processes; to simplify business requirements and eliminate  
39 unnecessary business requirements; and to provide a single point  
40 of entry for businesses to complete business transactions with  
41 the state.

42 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that by July 1,  
43 2014, the state shall establish an online connection that is  
44 easily accessible through this state's official portal,  
45 "MyFlorida.com," which provides an efficient and effective  
46 online, self-service method for an individual to access state  
47 requirements for starting and operating a business.

48 (4) (a) The Governor shall establish a One-Stop Business  
49 Connect Workgroup composed of, at a minimum, the secretary or  
50 agency head, or his or her designee, of the following state  
51 agencies:

- 52 1. The Agency for Health Care Administration.
- 53 2. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- 54 3. The Department of Children and Family Services.
- 55 4. The Department of Health.
- 56 5. The Department of State.
- 57 6. The Department of Revenue.

58 (b) The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation

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59 shall serve as the chair of the workgroup. The workgroup shall  
60 be supported by staff from the participating agencies.

61 (c) The workgroup may consult with other agencies  
62 throughout the state, including the Agency for Enterprise  
63 Information Technology, and those agencies must provide  
64 requested assistance to the workgroup.

65 (d) To the extent that funds are available within the  
66 participating agencies' budgets, the workgroup may use the  
67 services of consultants.

68 (5) (a) The workgroup shall:

69 1. Compile a complete, categorical inventory of all  
70 business licenses, certifications, and registrations required by  
71 each participating agency, including information regarding  
72 relevant laws and rules.

73 2. Analyze the business licensing, certification, and  
74 registration processes for each agency and identify processes  
75 that disrupt workflow and result in duplication, waste,  
76 unnecessary complexity, and errors, and the root causes of those  
77 errors.

78 3. Recommend the standardization and automation of business  
79 licensing, certification, and registration processes where  
80 appropriate.

81 (b) By February 15, 2011, the workgroup shall submit a plan  
82 for establishing the licensing portal to the Governor, the  
83 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
84 Representatives which identifies:

85 1. Business requirements and the costs associated with  
86 implementation of a technology solution for businesses and  
87 individuals which provides easy access to state business

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88 licensing, certification, and registration requirements through  
89 MyFlorida.com.

90 2. Clear systemwide objectives, a governance structure,  
91 accountability measures, and an opportunity for stakeholders to  
92 make suggestions regarding the use of licensing portal.

93 3. Issues that need to be addressed before a technology  
94 solution is implemented.

95 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.