



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 421

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 222

Senate, April 16, 2012

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A REGULATORY FAIRNESS BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Regulatory Fairness Board which shall advise the Commissioner of
3 Economic and Community Development on matters of concern to
4 small businesses relating to the enforcement activities and regulations
5 of state agencies. Said board shall solicit input from the state's business
6 community with regard to potential regulatory reform at not less than
7 four forums to be held in geographically diverse areas of the state. Said
8 board shall consist of the chairpersons and ranking members of the
9 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
10 of matters relating to commerce, or their designees, and four members
11 appointed by the commissioner. All appointments shall be made not
12 later than ninety days after the effective date of this section.

13 (b) Initially, two members shall be appointed for a two-year term
14 and two members for a three-year term. Appointments thereafter shall

15 be for four-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the
16 commissioner for the unexpired portion of a term. The commissioner
17 shall designate the chairperson of the board.

18 (c) Board members shall serve without compensation.

19 (d) On or before January 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the board
20 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
21 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
22 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
23 regarding the board's suggestions for regulatory reform.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

CE *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R* GAE

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Various State Agencies	Various - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	Less than \$1,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill may result in a minimal cost of less than \$1,000 annually associated with mileage reimbursement for legislators serving on the Board and any other state agency staff who may be appointed to the Board.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 222*****AN ACT CONCERNING A REGULATORY FAIRNESS BOARD*****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes an eight-member Regulatory Fairness Board to advise the economic and community development commissioner about regulations and enforcement activities that affect small businesses. The board must hold at least four forums in different parts of the state to solicit information from the business community about potential regulatory reforms. It must also annually recommend regulatory reforms to the Commerce Committee, beginning January 1, 2013.

The board must consist of the Commerce Committee's chairpersons and ranking members or their designees and four members the commissioner must appoint within 90 days after the bill takes effect. The appointed members serve four-year terms, except the initial members, two of whom must serve two-year terms and two, three-year terms. The members serve without compensation. The commissioner appoints the board's chairperson and fills vacancies for the unexpired portion of a term.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/15/2012)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/29/2012)