



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5584

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SMALL BUSINESS  
HOTLINE."**

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- 1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) Not later than October 1,
- 3 2017, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
- 4 shall establish and operate a state-wide small business hotline to
- 5 provide prospective and existing small business owners with
- 6 individualized information and guidance regarding business
- 7 formation and development, networking resources and technical and
- 8 financial assistance from the state and quasi-public agencies. The
- 9 commissioner shall, within available appropriations, operate and staff
- 10 such hotline during normal business hours. The commissioner may
- 11 partner with a nonprofit organization to carry out the provisions of
- 12 this section."