



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED PERMITTING BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FOR BUSINESS INITIATION, EXPANSION OR NEW PRODUCTION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) Each form, hard copy
2 and electronic, associated with the application for a permit or permit
3 renewal from the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
4 Protection shall include a check box, displayed prominently, for
5 applicants to designate whether such application is required for the
6 initiation of a new business, expansion of an existing business or
7 production of a new product.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, not later
9 than thirty days after receiving an application for a permit or permit
10 renewal designated by the applicant as being required for the initiation
11 of a new business, expansion of an existing business or production of a
12 new product, the commissioner shall make all reasonable efforts to
13 schedule a meeting with the applicant, identify any additional
14 information required to process such application and provide the

15 applicant with an estimated date by which the commissioner
16 anticipates the issuing of a final decision on such application.

17 (c) Not later than February 15, 2019, and annually thereafter, the
18 commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions
19 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee
20 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
21 environment and commerce. Such report shall include (1) the number
22 of applications received in the previous year designated by applicants
23 as being required for the initiation of a new business, expansion of an
24 existing business or production of a new product; (2) the average
25 estimated time provided to applicants pursuant to subsection (b) of
26 this section; and (3) the average actual time for a final decision on such
27 applications.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2018, the
29 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall modify
30 all forms, hard copy and electronic, associated with the application for
31 a permit or permit renewal from the commissioner, in accordance with
32 section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a process for expedited permitting by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for permits required for business initiation, physical expansion or production of new products.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]