



**AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCEDURES 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, physical expansion of an existing business  
7 or 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, physical expansion of an existing business or  
12 production of a new product, the commissioner shall make all  
13 reasonable efforts to schedule a meeting with the applicant, identify  
14 any additional information required to process such application and  
15 provide the applicant with an estimated date by which the  
16 commissioner anticipates the issuing of a final decision on such  
17 application.

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

29 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2018, the  
30 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall modify  
31 all forms, hard copy and electronic, associated with the application for  
32 a permit or permit renewal from the commissioner, in accordance with  
33 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

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*