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***Raised Bill No. 5506***

LCO No. 2970



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-99d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) The Commercial Recording Division of the office of the Secretary  
4 of the State shall establish an electronic business portal as a single point  
5 of entry for business entities for purposes of business registration  
6 pursuant to title 33 or 34. Such portal shall provide explanatory  
7 information and electronic links provided by state agencies and quasi-  
8 public agencies, including, but not limited to, the Labor Department, the  
9 Workers' Compensation Commission, the Departments of Economic  
10 and Community Development, Administrative Services, Consumer  
11 Protection, Energy and Environmental Protection and Revenue  
12 Services, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, Connecticut Licensing  
13 Info Center, The United States Small Business Administration, the  
14 Connecticut Small Business Development Center, the Connecticut  
15 Economic Resource Center and the Connecticut Center for Advanced

16 Technology, for the purposes of assisting such business entities in  
 17 determining permitting and licensure requirements, identifying state  
 18 revenue responsibilities and benefits, and finding available state  
 19 financial incentives and programs related to such entities' businesses.  
 20 The electronic business portal shall (1) allow a business entity to create  
 21 a single online account through which it may (A) register with any state  
 22 agency or quasi-public agency, (B) apply for and renew licenses and  
 23 permits from such state agency or quasi-public agency, and (C) pay any  
 24 registration, license or permit fees, and (2) allow a state agency or quasi-  
 25 public agency to (A) communicate with a business entity regarding the  
 26 status of any business registration, license, permit or application, and  
 27 (B) maintain a database for managing business registrations, licenses  
 28 and permits. The information provided for purposes of business  
 29 registration with the office of the Secretary of the State may be made  
 30 available to state agencies and quasi-public agencies for economic  
 31 development, state revenue collection and statistical purposes as  
 32 provided by law.

33 (b) The Department of Economic and Community Development,  
 34 within available appropriations and in collaboration with the office of  
 35 the Secretary of the State, shall (1) promote such electronic business  
 36 portal in order to encourage entrepreneurship in the state, and (2)  
 37 identify modifications to such electronic business portal to allow  
 38 businesses to complete the business registration process in an expedient  
 39 manner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2020	3-99d

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the state's electronic business portal to (1) allow a business entity to create a single online account through which it may register with any state agency or quasi-public agency, apply for and renew licenses and permits and pay any fees, and (2) allow a state agency or quasi-public agency to communicate with a business entity regarding

the status of any business registration, license, permit or application and maintain a database for managing business registrations, licenses and permits.

*[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.]*