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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Business Information
3 Portal; creating s. 20.166, F.S.; establishing the
4 Florida Business Information Portal within the
5 Department of Business and Professional Regulation;
6 requiring the department, in collaboration with
7 specified state agencies, to implement the portal by a
8 specified date; specifying the contents of the portal;
9 requiring designated state agencies to cooperate with
10 the department in the development, implementation, and
11 updates of the portal; authorizing the Department of
12 Business and Professional Regulation to contract for
13 services to develop the portal; repealing s. 215.1995,
14 F.S., relating to the One-Stop Business Registration
15 Portal Clearing Trust Fund; repealing s. 288.109,
16 F.S., relating to the One-Stop Business Registration
17 Portal; providing procedures for the termination of
18 the trust fund; providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. Section 20.166, Florida Statutes, is created to
23 read:

24 20.166 Florida Business Information Portal.—

25 (1) The Florida Business Information Portal is established
26 within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

27 (2) By June 30, 2017, the Department of Business and
28 Professional Regulation, in collaboration with the state
29 agencies identified in subsection (4), shall implement the

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30 Florida Business Information Portal. The Florida Business
31 Information Portal shall provide the information needed to start
32 and operate a business in Florida, including information
33 regarding licenses, permits, or registrations that are issued by
34 the state agencies in subsection (4).

35 (3) The Florida Business Information Portal must provide at
36 least the following:

37 (a) A downloadable guide on how to start and operate a
38 business in Florida.

39 (b) A list of business types and a checklist for starting
40 each type of business.

41 (c) Information regarding business tax registration and
42 filing.

43 (d) Information regarding registering with the Department
44 of State.

45 (4) The state agencies that must cooperate with the
46 Department of Business and Professional Regulation in the
47 development, implementation, and ongoing content updates of the
48 Florida Business Information Portal include, but are not limited
49 to:

50 (a) The Agency for Health Care Administration.

51 (b) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

52 (c) The Department of Economic Opportunity.

53 (d) The Department of Environmental Protection.

54 (e) The Department of Financial Services, including the
55 Office of Financial Regulation and the Office of Insurance
56 Regulation.

57 (f) The Department of Health.

58 (g) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

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- 59 (h) The Department of the Lottery.
- 60 (i) The Department of Management Services.
- 61 (j) The Department of Revenue.
- 62 (k) The Department of State.
- 63 (l) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 64 (5) The Department of Business and Professional Regulation
65 may contract for services to develop the Florida Business
66 Information Portal.
- 67 Section 2. Section 215.1995, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- 68 Section 3. Section 288.109, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- 69 Section 4. The One-Stop Business Registration Portal
70 Clearing Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue, FLAIR
71 number 73-2-977, is terminated. The Chief Financial Officer
72 shall close out and remove the terminated trust fund from the
73 various state accounting systems using generally accepted
74 accounting principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets,
75 and liabilities.
- 76 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.