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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes New Jersey Regulatory Modernization Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Regulatory Modernization
2 Commission and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “New Jersey
8 Regulatory Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act.”

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10 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

11 a. Regulatory overreach and outdated administrative
12 procedures can stifle innovation, deter business growth, and
13 increase burdens on residents and small businesses.

14 b. A streamlined and modern regulatory environment is
15 essential to fostering economic development and public confidence
16 in government.

17 c. There is a need for a balanced and transparent process to
18 review, reform, and eliminate unnecessary or duplicative
19 regulations while maintaining public health, safety, and
20 environmental standards.

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22 3. a. There is hereby established the New Jersey Regulatory
23 Modernization Commission. For the purposes of complying with
24 the provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1 of the New
25 Jersey Constitution, the commission shall be allocated in, but not
26 of, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The
27 commission shall consist of 11 voting members as follows:

28 (1) three public members appointed by the Governor, at least
29 one with experience in small business, one in nonprofit operations,
30 and one in regulatory law;

31 (2) two public members appointed by the Senate President;

32 (3) two public members appointed by the Speaker of the General
33 Assembly;

34 (4) the State Treasurer, or a designee;

35 (5) the chief executive officer of the New Jersey Economic
36 Development Authority, or a designee;

37 (6) the Chief Innovation Officer of the State of New Jersey, or a
38 designee; and

39 (7) the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or
40 a designee.

41 b. The commission shall hold its initial organizational meeting
42 as soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days following the
43 appointment of its members. At the initial organizational meeting,
44 the members shall elect a chairperson from among the members of
45 the commission by a majority vote of the members. Vacancies shall
46 be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were
47 made. Each public member of the commission shall serve for a
48 term of four years and until the appointment and qualification of a

1 successor; except that two of the public members first appointed by
2 the Governor shall serve for an initial term of one year, one of the
3 public members first appointed by the Senate President shall serve
4 for an initial term of two years, and one of the public members first
5 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly shall serve for
6 an initial term of three years. Members of the commission shall be
7 eligible for reappointment to the commission.

8 c. Members of the commission shall serve without
9 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses
10 incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of
11 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the commission
12 for its purposes.

13 d. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall
14 provide such stenographic, clerical, and other administrative
15 support and professional staff to the commission as it requires to
16 carry out its work. The commission shall also be entitled to call to
17 its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of any
18 other State department, office, division, or agency to accomplish its
19 duties.

20 e. A majority of all the authorized members of the commission
21 shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall meet once every
22 six months and at such other times as the chair of the commission
23 may determine.

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25 4. a. The commission shall:

26 (1) review existing administrative rules and recommend
27 elimination, modification, or consolidation of those deemed
28 unnecessary or burdensome;

29 (2) solicit input from businesses, nonprofits, and the public on
30 regulatory burdens;

31 (3) publish an annual report detailing findings and
32 recommendations, including the economic impact of any
33 recommended reforms;

34 (4) collaborate with State departments or agencies to implement
35 approved recommendations within existing statutory authority; and

36 (5) develop a digital “Red Tape Reduction Portal” for public
37 submission of regulatory concerns.

38 b. The commission shall have advisory authority only and shall
39 not have the power to enact, repeal, or override any existing
40 regulation.

41 c. Upon the issuance of a recommendation by the commission to
42 a State department or agency pursuant to subsection a. of this
43 section, the department or agency shall respond to the commission
44 concerning the recommendation within 90 days, indicating whether
45 the department or agency will adopt the recommendation and, if not
46 adopting the recommendation, explaining the reason for rejection.

1 d. All commission meetings shall be subject to the “Senator
2 Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act,” P.L.1975, c.231
3 (C.10:4-6 et seq.).

4 e. The commission shall submit its annual report, detailing
5 findings and recommendations, including the economic impact of
6 any recommended reforms, to the Governor and to the Legislature,
7 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1). All reports
8 and findings of the commission shall be prominently posted on a
9 publicly accessible website.

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11 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
12 Department of Labor and Workforce Development the sum of
13 \$250,000 to support the administrative operations of the New Jersey
14 Regulatory Modernization Commission.

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16 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 STATEMENT

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21 This bill, known as the “New Jersey Regulatory Modernization
22 and Red Tape Reduction Act,” creates the advisory New Jersey
23 Regulatory Modernization Commission to assess the effect that
24 rules and regulations have on economic development and public
25 confidence in government in the State and to provide
26 recommendations to reform or eliminate unnecessary or duplicative
27 regulations while maintaining public health, safety, and
28 environmental standards.

29 For the purposes of complying with the State Constitution, the
30 commission is to be allocated within the Department of Labor and
31 Workforce Development, and the department is responsible for
32 providing administrative support and professional staff to support
33 the commission’s work. Under the bill, the commission will consist
34 of 11 voting members, including seven public members appointed
35 by the Executive and Legislative Branches of State government and
36 four State cabinet members who shall serve ex officio.

37 The bill requires the commission to review existing
38 administrative rules and recommend changes or elimination of those
39 deemed unnecessary or burdensome and to solicit feedback from
40 businesses, nonprofits and the public about their regulatory
41 challenges. Each year, the commission will publish, and submit to
42 the Governor and Legislature, an annual report detailing its findings
43 and recommendations, including the economic impact of any
44 recommended reforms. State departments and agencies are
45 expected to reply within 90 days responding to the commissions’
46 recommendations and the commission is expected to collaborate
47 with State departments or agencies to implement approved
48 recommendations. The commission is charged with developing a

1 digital “Red Tape Reduction Portal” for the public to submit
2 regulatory concerns. All commission meetings are subject to the
3 Open Public Meetings law and the commission’s reports and
4 findings must be published on a publicly accessible website.

5 The bill appropriates \$250,000 to support the administrative
6 operations of the commission.