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Introduced by Sen. VALESKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to directing the division for small business to maintain a small business portal on the department of economic development internet website

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 7, 8, 9 and 10 of section 134 of the economic
2 development law, subdivision 7 as added by chapter 547 of the laws of
3 1976, subdivision 8 as amended by chapter 840 of the laws of 1980,
4 subdivision 9 as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 1993 and subdivi-
5 sion 10 as added by chapter 543 of the laws of 2002, are amended and a
6 new subdivision 11 is added to read as follows:
7 7. review pending legislation affecting small-businesses and report
8 its findings to the commissioner; [and]
9 8. initiate and encourage small-business education programs in general
10 and to coordinate with the functions of the office of general services,
11 pursuant to subdivision [(b)] SIX of section one hundred [sixty-one-b]
12 SIXTY-THREE of the state finance law, an information and outreach
13 program directed toward informing small-businesses in the state of
14 procedures necessary for competing for state purchases and to coordinate
15 with the functions of every state agency, department or authority
16 described in section one hundred thirty-nine-g of the state finance law,
17 pursuant to subdivision (b) of section one hundred thirty-nine-g of the
18 state finance law, an information and outreach program directed toward
19 informing small-businesses in the state of procedures necessary for
20 competing for state contracts[.];
21 9. the commissioner and the commissioners of agriculture and markets
22 and the office of general services shall initiate and encourage small-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 business education programs and coordinate with the functions of the
2 office of general services, pursuant to subdivision [(b)] SIX of section
3 one hundred [sixty-one-b] SIXTY-THREE of the state finance law, an
4 information and outreach program directed toward informing eligible
5 businesses in the state of procedures necessary for competing for
6 purchases of food products pursuant to SUBDIVISION FOUR OF section one
7 hundred [seventy-four-a] SIXTY-FIVE of the state finance law and subdi-
8 vision eight-a of section one hundred three of the general municipal
9 law, and to coordinate with the functions of every state agency or
10 department described in subdivision (b) of section one hundred thirty-
11 nine-g of the state finance law, an information and outreach program
12 directed toward informing eligible businesses in the state of procedures
13 necessary for competing for contracts for the purchase of food products
14 pursuant to SUBDIVISION FOUR OF section one hundred [seventy-four-a]
15 SIXTY-FIVE of the state finance law and subdivision eight-a of section
16 one hundred three of the general municipal law[.];

17 10. conduct a survey of all business incubators in the state and
18 assess the need for additional incubator facilities to nurture the
19 growth and development of small businesses[.]; AND

20 11. MAINTAIN A SMALL BUSINESS PORTAL ON THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNET
21 WEBSITE. SUCH PORTAL SHALL BE A ONE-STOP SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON
22 ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES. THE PORTAL SHALL PROVIDE EXISTING AND
23 PROSPECTIVE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH INFORMATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY
24 LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE WITH AND
25 PROVISION OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS AND PERMIT RENEWALS,
26 FINANCING, TAX EXEMPTIONS, RELOCATION AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION, LOCATING
27 AND TRAINING EMPLOYEES, HEALTH AND BUSINESS INSURANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL
28 COMPLIANCE, OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS
29 ENTITIES AND ISSUES FACING VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.

30 S 2. The opening paragraph of section 135 of the economic development
31 law is designated subdivision 1 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read
32 as follows:

33 2. ANY DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, BOARD, BUREAU, COMMISSION OR OTHER AGENCY
34 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL ALSO
35 PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE, SERVICES AND DATA AS WILL ENABLE THE DIVISION
36 FOR SMALL BUSINESS TO PROPERLY CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER
37 SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE,
38 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS WEB
39 PORTAL AND THE PROVISION OF LINKS TO RELEVANT AGENCY WEBSITES.

40 S 3. The division for small business shall periodically assess the
41 extent to which the small business web portal provided for in subdivi-
42 sion 11 of section 134 of the economic development law is serving the
43 needs of existing and prospective owners and operators of small busi-
44 nesses, through such measures as user surveys, online feedback and
45 soliciting input from the advisory board provided for in section 133 of
46 the economic development law. Such division shall update the services
47 offered through such portal to reflect additional needed services iden-
48 tified through such assessments.

49 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
50 it shall have become a law.