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Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Small Business -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to regulatory fines for small businesses

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 170-c 1 2 to read as follows: 3 § 170-c. Regulatory fines for small businesses. 1. Notwithstanding 4 any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, no state agency shall 5 fine a small business for a first violation of such agency's rules or regulations, unless the agency determines that the violation directly б 7 affected public health or safety. Upon such first violation, a state 8 agency shall (a) provide the small business with a copy of any applica-9 ble small business regulation guides pursuant to section one hundred 10 two-a of the state administrative procedure act and any other helpful compliance information detailing the agency's rules and regulations, or 11 12 (b) hold an in-person meeting with the small business to help assist 13 such small business with compliance with the agency's rules and regu-14 lations. 2. "Small business" as used in this section shall mean a business 15 16 which is resident in this state, independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field and employs one hundred or less persons. 17

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in <u>italics</u> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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