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Introduced by Sen. AKSHAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

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 to read as follows:

§ 170-c. Regulatory fines for small businesses. 1. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, no state agency shall fine a small business for a first violation of such agency's regulations. Upon such first violation, a state agency shall (a) provide literature detailing the agency's regulations to such small business, or (b) hold an in-person meeting with the small business informing such small business of the agency's regulations.

2. "Small business" as used in this section shall mean a business which is resident in this state, independently owned and operated, not dominant in its field and employs one hundred or less persons.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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