

shall not be subject to the licensure provisions of this chapter for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004. Beginning July 1, 2004, an individual who is engaged exclusively in the practice of reflexology or an unlicensed individual who is practicing a modality related to massage therapy shall be subject to licensure pursuant to this chapter unless, based upon the recommendations contained in the massage therapy modalities study as provided in section 152C.5A, the practice of reflexology or an unlicensed individual who is practicing a modality related to massage therapy is permanently exempted from massage therapy licensure.

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## CHAPTER 71

### SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

H.F. 390

**AN ACT** relating to economic development programs for targeted small businesses.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 15.108, subsection 7, paragraph i, Code 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 2. Section 15.246, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

The department shall establish and administer a case management program, contingent upon the availability of funds authorized for the program, and conducted in coordination with ~~the self-employment loan program and~~ other state or federal programs providing financial or technical assistance administered by the department. The case management program shall assist in furnishing information about available assistance to clients seeking to establish or expand small business ventures, furnishing information about available financial or technical assistance, evaluating small business venture proposals, completing viable business start-up or expansion plans, and completing applications for financial or technical assistance under the programs administered by the department. ~~As used in this section, "client" means a low-income person eligible for assistance under the self-employment loan program established in section 15.241.~~

Sec. 3. Section 15.247, subsection 2, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

2. A "targeted small business financial assistance program account" is established within the strategic investment fund created in section 15.313, to provide for loans, loan guarantees, revolving loans, loans secured by accounts receivable, or grants to targeted small businesses and to low-income persons establishing or expanding small business ventures. A targeted small business or low-income person in any year shall receive under this program not more than twenty-five fifty thousand dollars in a loan, or grant, and not more than forty thousand dollars in a or guarantee, or a combination of loans, grants, or guarantees. The program shall provide guarantees not to exceed seventy-five percent for loans made by qualified lenders. The department shall establish a financial assistance reserve account from funds allocated to the program account, from which any default on a guaranteed loan under this section shall be paid. In administering the program the department shall not guarantee loan values in excess

of the amount credited to the reserve account and only moneys set aside in the loan reserve account may be used for the payment of a default. The department shall maintain records of all financial assistance approved pursuant to this section and information regarding the effectiveness of the financial assistance in establishing or expanding small business ventures.

Sec. 4. Section 15.313, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

b. All unencumbered and unobligated funds from ~~the self-employment loan program~~, the targeted small business financial assistance program, the microenterprise development revolving fund, financing rural economic development or successor loan program, and the value-added agricultural products and processes financial assistance fund remaining on June 30, 1992, and all repayments of loans or other awards or recaptures of awards made under these programs.

Sec. 5. Section 15E.120, subsections 5 and 6, Code 2003, are amended to read as follows:

5. Loan repayments received by the Iowa department of economic development shall be deposited into a special account to be used at its discretion as matching funds to attract financial assistance from and to participate in programs with national rural development and finance corporations ~~or as provided in subsection 6~~. Funds in this special account shall not revert to the state general fund at the end of any fiscal year. If the programs for which the funds in the special account are to be used are terminated or expire, the funds in the special account and funds that would be repaid, if any, to the special account shall be transferred or repaid to the community economic betterment account of the strategic investment fund established in section 15.313.

~~6. If the Iowa department of economic development determines that sufficient funds exist in the special account provided in subsection 5 for the purposes provided in subsection 5, up to twenty-five percent of the loan repayments for the fiscal year received by the Iowa department of economic development may be deposited in the revolving loan fund to operate the self-employment loan program as both were established in section 15.241 under the department of economic development. Funds in this revolving loan fund shall not revert to the state general fund at the end of any fiscal year. Loan repayments from the self-employment loan program shall be deposited in the revolving loan fund. Deposits of funds under this subsection may occur for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1986, July 1, 1987, July 1, 1988, and July 1, 1989.~~

Sec. 6. Section 15.241, Code 2003, is repealed.

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## CHAPTER 72

### ECONOMIC GROWTH — STRATEGIC PLANNING

H.F. 392

**AN ACT** relating to economic growth strategic planning.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 15.104, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2003, are amended to read as follows:

1. Prepare a three-year comprehensive strategic plan of specific goals, objectives, ~~and policies, performance measures, and benchmarks~~ for state economic growth. All other state