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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a regulatory information and coordination
2 service administered by the department of economic
3 development.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 15.108, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Establish and administer the regulatory information and
4 coordination service provided for in section 15E.17.

5 Sec. 2. Section 15E.17, Code 2005, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 15E.17 REGULATORY INFORMATION AND COORDINATION SERVICE.

8 1. The Iowa department of economic development shall
9 provide a regulatory information and coordination service.
10 The purpose of the service shall be to provide a center of
11 information where a person interested in establishing a
12 commercial facility or engaging in a commercial activity may
13 be informed of any registration, license, or other approval of
14 a state regulatory agency that is required for that facility
15 or activity or of the existence of standards, criteria, or
16 requirements which the laws of this state require that
17 facility or activity to meet. The service shall assist a
18 person interested in establishing a commercial facility or
19 engaging in a commercial activity in completing the
20 application procedures for any necessary registration,
21 license, or other approval and shall provide prompt assistance
22 in coordinating communications between a person interested in
23 establishing a commercial facility or engaging in a commercial
24 activity and a state regulatory agency.

25 2. Each state regulatory agency which requires a permit,
26 license, or other regulatory approval or maintains standards
27 or criteria with which an activity or facility must comply
28 shall inform the Iowa department of economic development of
29 the following:

30 a. The activity or facility that is subject to regulation.

31 b. The existence of any threshold levels which would
32 exempt the activity or facility from regulation.

33 c. The nature of the regulatory program.

34 d. The amount of any fees.

35 e. How to apply for any permits or regulatory approvals.

1 f. A brief statement of the purpose of requiring the
2 permit or regulatory approval or requiring compliance with the
3 standards or criteria.

4 g. Names and contact information of designated staff
5 within the state regulatory agency responsible for assisting
6 persons in the registration, licensing, or other regulatory
7 approval process.

8 3. Each state regulatory agency shall promptly inform the
9 Iowa department of economic development of any changes in the
10 information provided under subsection 2 or the establishment
11 of a new regulatory program. The information provided to or
12 disseminated by the department shall not be binding upon the
13 regulatory program of a state regulatory agency; however, a
14 person shall not be subject to the imposition of a penalty for
15 failure to comply with a regulatory program if the person
16 demonstrates that the person relied upon information provided
17 by the department indicating compliance was not required and
18 either ceases the activity upon notification by the regulatory
19 agency or brings the activity or facility into compliance.

20 4. Subsections 2 and 3 do not apply to the following:

21 a. The utilities division of the department of commerce
22 insofar as the information relates to public utilities.

23 b. The banking division of the department of commerce.

24 c. The savings and loan division of the department of
25 commerce.

26 d. The credit union division of the department of
27 commerce.

28 5. A state regulatory agency shall respond to any request
29 for assistance from the Iowa department of economic
30 development in relation to the activities provided by the
31 service under this section in less than thirty days from the
32 time the state regulatory agency receives the request.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill relates to a regulatory information and
35 coordination service administered by the department of

1 economic development.

2 Currently, the department of economic development provides
3 a regulatory information service designed to provide a center
4 of information where a person interested in establishing a
5 commercial facility or engaging in a commercial activity may
6 be informed of any registration, license, or other approval of
7 a state regulatory agency that is required for that facility
8 or activity or of the existence of standards, criteria, or
9 requirements which the laws of this state require that
10 facility or activity to meet.

11 The bill requires the service to assist a person interested
12 in establishing a commercial facility or engaging in a
13 commercial activity in completing the application procedures
14 for any necessary registration, license, or other approval and
15 to provide prompt assistance in coordinating communications
16 between a person interested in establishing a commercial
17 facility or engaging in a commercial activity and a state
18 regulatory agency.

19 Currently under the service, a state regulatory agency is
20 required to submit to the department of economic development
21 certain information related to regulatory activity. The bill
22 requires a state regulatory agency to submit names and contact
23 information of designated staff within the state regulatory
24 agency responsible for assisting persons in the registration,
25 licensing, or other regulatory approval process.

26 The bill requires a state regulatory agency to respond to
27 any request for assistance from the Iowa department of
28 economic development in relation to the activities provided by
29 the service in less than 30 days from the time the state
30 regulatory agency receives the request.

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