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SENATE BILL 204*

Short Title: Clarify Business License Info.

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Sponsors: Senator Plyler.

Referred to: State Government.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A PERSON REQUESTING FROM THE BUSINESS
LICENSE INFORMATION OFFICE A WRITTEN LIST OF STATE LICENSES
RELATING TO A SPECIFIC BUSINESS ACTIVITY MAY NOT BE
PENALIZED FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE WHICH WAS NOT
INCLUDED IN THE LIST.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 147-54.15 reads as rewritten:

"§ 147-54.15. License coordination and assistance to applicants.

Upon request, the Office shall assist a person as provided below:

- (1) Identify the type and source of licenses that may be required and the potential difficulties in obtaining the licenses based on an informal review of a potential applicant's business at an early stage in its planning. Information provided by the Office is for guidance purposes only and may not be asserted by an applicant as a waiver or release from any license requirement. However, an applicant who uses the services of the Office as provided in this subdivision, and who receives a written statement identifying required State business licenses relating to a specific business activity, may not be assessed a penalty for failure to obtain any State business license which was not identified;
- (2) Arrange an informal conference between the person and the appropriate agency to clarify licensing requirements or standards, if necessary;

- 1 (3) Assist in preparing the appropriate application and supplemental
2 forms;
- 3 (4) Monitor the license review process to determine the status of a
4 particular license. If there is a delay in the review process, the Office
5 may demand to know the reasons for the delay, the action required to
6 end the delay, and shall provide this information to the applicant. The
7 Office may assist the applicant in resolving a dispute with an agency
8 during the application process. If a request for a license is refused, the
9 Office may explain the recourse available to the person under the
10 Administrative Procedure Act.
- 11 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.