

Simultaneous Regulatory, Licensing, and Permitting Processes

This Act allows state agencies with regulatory or permitting authority over businesses to establish a process to allow one or more other state or local agencies to simultaneously review and approve business licenses and permits at a business’s request. Businesses that request this process cannot recover any fees associated with the simultaneous review if those businesses fail to get the items under review approved.

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Rhode Island
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Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act shall be cited as “An Act to Establish Simultaneous
2 Regulatory, Licensing and Permitting Processes.”
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4 Section 2. [*Simultaneous Regulatory, Licensing, and Permitting Processes.*]

5 (A) Any state agency with regulatory or permitting authority over a business shall
6 establish a process whereby, at the option of the business and, if applicable, upon the
7 presentation by the business of a preliminary determination by the municipality that the subject
8 proposal is consistent with the applicable municipal zoning ordinances, the agency will conduct a
9 simultaneous review and approval process with one or more other state or municipal agencies,
10 and will not require prior approval of one or more state or municipal agencies before beginning
11 the review and approval process.

12 (B) Nothing in this section shall entitle a business to recoup or recover any costs or fees
13 associated with the simultaneous regulatory or permitting processes. If one or more state or
14 municipal agencies fail to approve a permit, license, or regulatory application, thereby
15 influencing the granting of a contingent approval from another municipal or state entity, the
16 business may not recover any associated costs from the agencies involved in the simultaneous
17 review processes; provided, that this section shall not affect the ability of a business to recoup or
18 recover costs associated with the licensing, permitting, or application processes allowed under
19 any other state law.

20 (C) All state agencies shall inform businesses about the possibility that one or more other
21 state agencies may fail to approve a contingent permit, license, or regulatory application, and that
22 a business may not recoup or recover costs associated with one application due to the denial or
23 disapproval of another.
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25 Section 3. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]
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27 Section 4. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]
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29 Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]