

2007 Regulatory Streamlining – Passed Bills

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Agency	Concept #	Description
Board of Accountancy	SB 182	Allows CPA firms more time to meet ownership requirements.
Dept. of Consumer & Business Services	HB 2218	Makes a variety of changes to simplify requirements for employers, providers and workers, speeding benefits and reducing paperwork.
	HB 2219	Simplifies and standardizes various Building Codes Division license application processes.
	HB 2220	Modernizes, simplifies requirements for pawnbrokers without reducing public protection.
	HB 2222	Simplifies and standardizes safety committee requirements.
	HB 2224	Streamlines the review of certain insurance policy forms that already have been approved by the interstate compact under consumer protection standards that serve the interests of the insurance-buying public.
	HB 2243	Allows agencies to spread license renewals throughout the year to better manage work flow, improve customer service.
Employment Department	HB 2405	Creates a statewide electronic building codes permitting and plan review system available to local jurisdictions that administer and enforce building inspection programs.
	HB 2207	Exempts more very small employers from unemployment insurance reporting by raising the wage threshold.
Dept. of Justice	HB 2121	Allows for more ways of informing businesses and others of potential rule changes.
Landscape Contractors Board	HB 2076	Creates a probationary license to allow those who pass the licensing exam, but do not yet have enough experience to be fully licensed, to begin working under the supervision of a licensed landscape contractor.

Liquor Control Commission

HB 2164 Allows wineries to sell malt beverages as well as wine or cider at licensed special events off winery premises.

HB 2165 Removes an inconsistency in the definition (by alcohol percentage) of cider, making the regulation clear.

HB 2168

Simplifies fees for temporary sales licenses. Allows temporary licensees to have alcohol-only areas. Currently, if the applicant is not a nonprofit or government entity, the only way it can have a temporary sales license is to show that the entire event is appropriate for minors to attend during the entire time of the event. Therefore, all alcohol is sold to adults who are co-mingled with minors. This legislation would allow any applicant for a temporary sales license to have an alcohol-only area if the plan for controlling minor access to alcohol is approved by the Commission.

HB 2169 Streamlines the license application fee process to make it possible for an licensee to pay with their application and begin doing business as soon as the application is approved.

Dept. of Public Safety
Standards and Training

HB 2227 Eliminates an unnecessary requirement that polygraph examiners file with their local county clerk.

Real Estate Agency

SB 168 Allows escrow agents the opportunity for late renewal of their licenses, rather than the current requirement that renewal applications as little as one day late require full reapplication.

Dept. of Revenue

HB 2228 Broadens the Department' authority to grant extensions for the filing of real and personal property tax returns to meet various business needs.

HB 2231 Increases the amount of time a taxpayer has to file for a change in value due to fire or damage to property.

HB 2232 Makes the local appeals board waiver authority consistent for all types of property taxpayer returns. It treats the returns of real property filers, personal property filers and combined return filers the same. For the first offence the board can now only waive the penalty for personal property returns.

HB 2234 Eliminates a redundant requirement for a tax payer to file a notice of appeal with the local assessor even though the court already provides notice.

HB 2237 Eliminates the annual filing of an application by a disabled veteran or the surviving spouse for a property tax exemption. Most exemption do not require annual filing because like churches, their use changes so rarely and because there are penalties for failing to report a change in use of an exempt property.

SB 172 Allows counties to forward to the correct office, returns that have been misfiled by taxpayers. In many cases the misfiled returns have to be sent back to the taxpayer due to confidentiality. By the time the refund wends its way back to the taxpayer and then is resent to the correct county, it arrives after the deadline and the taxpayer realizes a late filing penalty. This is clearly a mistake on the taxpayers part but we as government can reduce this exposure by allowing counties to forward returns.

Dept. of Transportation

SB 223 Adds an weight limit exemption for alternate power units. This exemption will facilitate the use of these units by truckers, reducing idle time, fuel use, and air pollution.

Water Resources Dept.

SB 89 Allows certain districts to make annual place of use changes to water rights within their district boundaries without having to apply for a temporary transfer