

**Committee Action:**  
**Do Pass** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amend & Do Pass** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Assembly Committee on Judiciary**

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

May 8, 2015

**SENATE BILL 59 (R1)**

**Revises provisions relating to the state business portal. (BDR 7-448)**

**Sponsored by:** Committee on Judiciary (On Behalf of the Secretary of State)  
**Date Heard:** April 30, 2015  
**Fiscal Impact:** Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

Senate Bill 59 requires the Secretary of State to establish common business registration information that is used by State and local agencies and health districts and to cause the State business portal to make that information available to these same entities that conduct necessary transactions with businesses in the State. It also allows these entities, to the extent practicable, to integrate their electronic application systems with the State business portal; to use the portal to accept and disseminate information necessary for the issuance of business licenses, registrations, permits, or similar authorizations; to make related applications available on the Internet; and to integrate those applications with the business portal. The bill also clarifies that any information that is deemed confidential under State or federal law need not be disseminated and, similarly, that records and files collected as common business registration information are confidential, unless an exception applies.

The bill requires the Secretary of State to issue a unique business identification number to any entity or person doing business in the State, whether they are required to have a business license or are exempt from the requirement, and the system for issuing these identification numbers must interface with the business portal. Any applicant who applies to any State or local agency or health district for any license, permit, or similar authorization must include the business identification number with the application.

Certain provisions governing city and county business licenses are amended to reflect that industrial insurance information is now provided through the State business portal. Additionally, the Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation will now make certain information that is necessary for operating and maintaining the business portal available to the Secretary of State. Finally, the bill repeals obsolete provisions relating to the collection and filing of certain business information by State and local entities.

**Amendments:** None.