

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Mike Peifer
RE: Co-sponsorship – DCED - One-Stop-Shop Online Permitting Portal
DATE:

One of the greatest pitfalls of creating a new business is the amount of bureaucratic regulatory red tape they go through to be created. While government expects businesses to create jobs, it is constantly throwing up unnecessary roadblocks that eat up their time, manpower and financial resources. Within Governor Wolf's 2017-18 Fiscal Year Budget book, under the Theme "Jobs that Pay", he suggests a "single, centralized point of contact when interacting with state government."

Because of this, I plan to *re-introduce* legislation that would direct the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to develop a one-stop-shop online permitting portal for businesses. This was House Bill 2022 from the 2011-12 Session. HB2022 passed the House unanimously (194-0) in February of 2012.

Under my legislation, the portal would allow businesses to create a personal account where they can perform some of the following, but not limited to:

1. Submitting appropriate permit applications electronically with electronic signature.
2. Renewing appropriate certifications, licenses, and permits.
3. Making necessary payments.
4. Tracking the status of applications.
5. Allowing for online problem solving and interaction with question/answer portal.

The appropriate regulatory body would still maintain their authority to approve the permits or other documents originating from their department. The Department of Community and Economic Development will only develop and maintain the one-stop-shop online portal. This portal will help to streamline and simplify a very cumbersome and time consuming process for the Commonwealth's job creators.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation please contact Barb Dysard in my Harrisburg office at 783-2037 or bdysard@pahousegop.com.