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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the One-Stop Business Registration
3 Portal; amending s. 288.109, F.S.; directing the
4 Department of Revenue to establish the One-Stop
5 Business Registration Portal through which individuals
6 and businesses may submit applications for various
7 licenses, registrations, or permits, file various
8 documents, or remit payment for various fees to a
9 state department or agency; authorizing the department
10 to contract for the development and maintenance of the
11 portal's Internet website; requiring certain state
12 departments to cooperate with the department in the
13 development and implementation of the portal;
14 requiring the department to submit an annual report to
15 the Governor and the Legislature on the portal's
16 implementation and expansion; authorizing the
17 department to provide certain information relative to
18 the One-Stop Business Registration Portal to certain
19 state departments and agencies and local governments;
20 authorizing the department to adopt rules; deleting
21 provisions relating to the One-Stop Permitting System
22 of the former State Technology Office, including
23 provisions authorizing individuals and businesses to
24 apply for certain state, regional, and local
25 development permits through an Internet site developed
26 by the office; repealing ss. 288.1092, 288.1093, and
27 288.1095, F.S., relating to the One-Stop Permitting
28 System Grant Program and the award of grants to

29 | counties that participate in the One-Stop Permitting
 30 | System, the Quick Permitting County Designation
 31 | Program and the designation of a county as a Quick
 32 | Permitting County, and the distribution of literature
 33 | explaining the One-Stop Permitting System and the
 34 | Quick Permitting County designations; providing an
 35 | effective date.

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37 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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39 | Section 1. Section 288.109, Florida Statutes, is amended
 40 | to read:

41 | (Substantial rewording of section. See
 42 | s. 288.109, F.S., for present text.)

43 | 288.109 One-Stop Business Registration Portal.-

44 | (1) By January 1, 2013, the Department of Revenue shall
 45 | establish and implement the One-Stop Business Registration
 46 | Portal that, through an Internet website, provides individuals
 47 | and businesses with a single point of entry for:

48 | (a) Completing and submitting applications for various
 49 | licenses, registrations, or permits that must be issued by a
 50 | state department or agency in order for the applicants to
 51 | transact business in the state.

52 | (b) Filing various documents that must be filed with a
 53 | state department or agency in order for the filers to transact
 54 | business in the state.

55 | (c) Remitting payment for various fees that must be paid
 56 | to a state department or agency, including, but not limited to,

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57 application fees, license fees, registration fees, permit fees,
58 and filing fees.

59 (2) The Department of Revenue, after establishment of the
60 Internet website for the One-Stop Business Registration Portal,
61 shall implement, in the most timely manner practicable, the
62 capabilities described in subsection (1).

63 (3) The Department of Revenue may competitively procure
64 and contract for services to develop and maintain the Internet
65 website for the One-Stop Business Registration Portal.

66 (4) The following departments shall cooperate with the
67 Department of Revenue in the development and implementation of
68 the One-Stop Business Registration Portal:

69 (a) The Department of Business and Professional
70 Regulation.

71 (b) The Department of Economic Opportunity.

72 (c) The Department of Financial Services.

73 (d) The Department of the Lottery.

74 (e) The Department of Management Services.

75 (f) The Department of State.

76 (5) By January 1 of each year, beginning in 2013, the
77 Department of Revenue shall submit a report to the Governor, the
78 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
79 Representatives on the implementation of the One-Stop Business
80 Registration Portal. The report must include a complete and
81 detailed description of the department's activities and
82 accomplishments related to implementation of the One-Stop
83 Business Registration Portal during the previous calendar year.
84 The report must also include a plan for expansion of the One-

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85 Stop Business Registration Portal to allow individuals and
86 businesses to submit applications through the portal for various
87 licenses, registrations, or permits issued by local governments.
88 The report may also include recommendations for improving the
89 effectiveness of the One-Stop Business Registration Portal and
90 increasing participation by state departments and agencies and
91 local governments.

92 (6) The Department of Revenue may provide information
93 relative to this section to each state department or agency and
94 local government that, in the conduct of its official duties,
95 participates in the One-Stop Business Registration Portal.
96 However, to the extent that such information is not otherwise
97 confidential, information collected from an individual or
98 business by a state department or agency or local government
99 does not become confidential solely because the information is
100 collected through the One-Stop Business Registration Portal.

101 (7) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to
102 administer this section.

103 Section 2. Sections 288.1092, 288.1093, and 288.1095,
104 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

105 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.