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Short Title: Master Application.

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Sponsors: Senators Plyler, Conder; Goldston and Parnell.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A MASTER APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR BUSINESS
LICENSES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE TO IMPLEMENT THE MASTER APPLICATION
SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 147-54.16 reads as rewritten:

"§ 147-54.16. Master application system.

~~The Office shall develop an operating plan for an automated master application system, shall determine the software and hardware needs of the system, and shall determine the staffing levels and space required for the system. The plan shall be developed with the assistance of the departments that issue business licenses and with due regard to privacy statutes. In making the determinations and developing an operating plan for an automated master application system, the Office shall identify the business licenses appropriate for inclusion in a master application system and shall develop a master application form that consolidates the information needed for the various State agencies to issue the licenses. Environmental licenses may not be included in a master application form.~~

The Office shall implement and administer an automated master application system. The Office shall determine the licenses appropriate for inclusion in the master application system. The Office may not include environmental licenses in the master application system.

The appropriate agency shall continue to determine whether a requested license shall be issued and to issue the license if the application is approved by the agency. An

1 applicant who receives written notification by the Office that a license requested
2 through the Office is being issued by the appropriate agency may proceed with the
3 licensed business activity without having physical possession of the issued license.

4 The Office shall collect from each applicant the total amount of the fees for the
5 licenses applied for through the Office. The Office is the repository for an original
6 signed application form submitted through the Office for a license that is included in the
7 master application system."

8 Sec. 2. The Business License Information Office shall implement a master
9 application system as described in Article 4B of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes.
10 The master application system shall be implemented in two phases as described below
11 over a period of two years. The first phase of the process to implement the master
12 application system shall be completed by January 1, 1992. The Department of the
13 Secretary of State shall evaluate the first phase of the implementation of the master
14 application system and shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on
15 Governmental Operations by October 1, 1992, regarding the evaluation. The second
16 phase of the process to implement the master application system shall be completed by
17 January 1, 1993.

18 (1) Phase I. Applicant tracking module.

19 This phase shall consist of the following automated functions:
20 recording and tracking of inquiries regarding business licenses,
21 identification of required licenses, and monitoring of the status of the
22 resulting applications. The original signed license applications
23 received by the Office during this phase shall be forwarded by the
24 Office to the appropriate licensing agency.

25 (2) Phase II. Application Generation Module.

26 During this phase the Office shall implement the centralized
27 application process so that a master application may be generated for
28 those licenses deemed appropriate by the Office for inclusion in the
29 master application system. The Office shall retain the original signed
30 license applications for licenses requested through the Office that are
31 included in the master application system.

32 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of the
33 Secretary of State the sum of \$309,056 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of
34 \$233,629 for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement the master application system as
35 provided in G.S. 147-54.16.

36 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.