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STEVE COWPER  
GOVERNOR



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SB 329

STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

January 11, 1988

The Honorable Jan Faiks  
President of the Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Faiks:

Under the authority of art. III, secs. 18 and 23, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order and a companion bill transferring the business license program from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. At the present time, businesses frequently must obtain licenses from both departments. The Executive Order will consolidate these licensing functions in one agency, making for greater administrative efficiency and, of even greater importance, better service to the public.

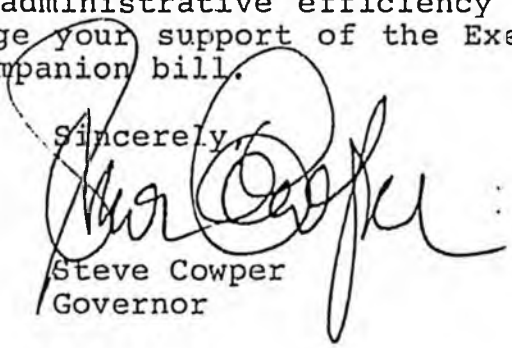
The Order simply transfers the business license program (AS 43.70) from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, by defining "commissioner" and "department" for purposes of that chapter as the commissioner of commerce and economic development and the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (secs. 5 and 6 of the Order), respectively, adding this authority to the duties of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (sec. 7 of the Order), and making necessary technical changes to other statutes.

Although the functions of the business license program are reassigned by the Executive Order, I am requesting your support of the accompanying bill in order to make the program fit more easily within the current operations of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, division of occupational licensing. Under the Order, current procedures and enforcement provisions must remain in effect. The bill will permit the division of occupational licensing to instead use the current procedures and enforcement provisions used for occupational licenses by placing the business license program under AS 08.01. Sections 1 -- 6 of the bill. The department will then issue biennial instead of annual business licenses (AS 08.01.100(a); see secs. 7, 8, and 10 of the bill), coordinated with any other licenses issued to the particular business, and use its own enforcement proce-

dures under AS 08.01.102 -- 08.01.105. Section 5 of the bill. The effective date of the bill is contingent upon the effective date of the Executive Order. Section 3 of the bill also makes an incidental correction, deleting a redundant sentence that appears in AS 08.01.065(c) due to inconsistent amendments made by sec. 1, ch. 87, SLA 1987 and sec. 5, ch. 94, SLA 1987 -- a correction also being proposed in the 1988 general revisor's bill.

The Department of Revenue presently administers a number of licensing and permitting programs in addition to the business license program. Unlike the business license program, however, each of these other programs is administered in conjunction with a particular tax. Used in this manner, licensing activities are an effective tool in tax compliance efforts. Since the 1978 repeal of the business gross receipts tax, this has not been the case for the business license program, and there is no longer any reason to retain the program in the Department of Revenue. To better serve the public and to promote administrative efficiency in operating this program, I urge your support of the Executive Order and passage of the companion bill.

Sincerely,



Steve Cowper  
Governor

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1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: \_\_\_\_\_  
PUBLISH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Executive Order  
Sponsor: Rules Committee  
Requestor: Governor's Office

Agency Affected: Com. & Econ. Dev./Revenue  
BRU: Business Licensing  
Occupational Licensing  
Components: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TRAVEL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SUPPLIES		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
EQUIPMENT		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
GRANTS, CLAIMS		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
MISCELLANEOUS		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL OPERATING		-0-*	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

\*The Governor's FY 89 budget currently includes \$269,088 in general funds in the Department of Revenue. The appropriation will be transferred along with 5.5 positions to the Department of Commerce & Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing by budget amendment.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 465-2505  
Division: Administrative Services Date: 1/8/88

Approved by Commissioner: Larry Mosher for J. Anthony Smith Date: 1/8/88  
Agency: Department of Commerce & Economic Development

- Distribution (by preparer):
- Legislative Finance
  - Legislative Sponsor
  - Requestor
  - Office of Management and Budget
  - Impacted Agency(ies)

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

Date of 1/13/88 5-DAY NOTICE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

FURTHER:

\*\*FISCAL NOTE(S) ATTACHED  \*\*  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 24.08.035  
(see below)

1/11/88

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 1/15/88

Mr. President:

Labor and Commerce Committee considered SB 329

transfer of business licensing functions of the Department of Revenue to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; efd

and recommended:

replace with CS \_\_\_\_\_  same title  
 attached amendment(s) and  new title

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

letter of intent adopted and attached

\*\* Committee  attached or  adopted fiscal note(s)  
 zero  fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

*[Handwritten signatures: Rick Kelly, Labrenkamp, M...]*

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Tim Kelly - Do Pass  
Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup Attached