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TO: House Health and Government Operations Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: House Bill 1120- Department of Information Technology - Maryland OneStop - Required State, County, and Municipal Information
DATE: March 10, 2025
POSITION: Letter of Information

The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk,

I am writing to provide information and request the adoption of the sponsor-led amendments to House Bill 1120 - Department of Information Technology - Maryland OneStop - Required State, County, and Municipal Information. This bill as drafted mandates the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to oversee the integration and regular updating of state, county, and municipal licensing data within the Maryland OneStop portal. As drafted, DoIT estimates that this bill will have a fiscal impact of \$15 million dollars on the state of Maryland.

While we acknowledge the bill's intent to enhance accessibility and transparency, we believe the following amendments would improve the bill's significant operational, financial, and administrative challenges:

AMENDMENT NO. 1:

- a. On page 1, in line 2, strike "OneStop" and substitute "Business Express"; after line 3, insert: "(Maryland Business Permitting Act)";
- b. in lines 5 and 9, in each instance, strike "periodically" and substitute "annually"; and in lines 6, 8, 10, and 11, in each instance, strike "OneStop" and substitute "Business Express".

AMENDMENT NO. 2:

- a. On page 1, in line 21, strike "ONESTOP" and substitute "BUSINESS EXPRESS"; and in

- line 23, after “TECHNOLOGY” insert “FOCUSED ON CREATING AND ASSISTING BUSINESSES IN THE STATE”.
- b. On page 2, in line 1, strike “EVERY 2 MONTHS” and substitute “EACH DECEMBER 1”; in lines 3, 8, and 12, in each instance, after “ALL” insert “BUSINESS– RELATED”; in lines 5, 8, and 13, in each instance, strike “ONESTOP” and substitute “BUSINESS EXPRESS”; and in line 10, strike “EVERY 2 MONTHS” and substitute “EACH SEPTEMBER 1”.
 - c. line 7 - change SHALL to MAY

These amendments address DoIT’s concerns with the bill which include expansion of responsibilities, requiring DoIT to manage, update, and verify state and local licensing data bi-monthly. This will necessitate new workflows, coordination with local governments, and added training and oversight, especially for smaller jurisdictions lacking technical expertise. The frequent updates demand additional staffing, system upgrades, and cybersecurity measures, potentially diverting resources from other IT initiatives.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further discussion.

Best,

Melissa Leaman
Acting Secretary
Department of Information Technology