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HB1079 Office of Regulatory Management and State Government Authorizations

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What This Bill Does

HB1079 establishes the Office of Regulatory Management. The Office aims to reduce regulatory excess by implementing a 25% reduction in regulatory requirements, streamlining the regulatory and permitting approval process, and increasing transparency of the State regulatory process. The Office will complete these goals by requiring each unit of State government to submit a report detailing authorizations administered, relevant information about the authorization and a certification that the authorization is being appropriately handled by designated staff and resources. This report will be followed quarterly by an update, and each unit will develop processes with the Department of Information Technology to make applications and fee payments accessible online.

Why We Need This Bill

HB1079 is a bill that can accomplish major successes and savings for Marylanders. Virginia Office of Regulatory Management saved the state over 1.2 billion dollars in two years by reducing regulatory processes by 25%. The cost of building homes was reduced significantly, and approval for permits and licenses was cut down from 33 days to 5 days. Despite the initial fiscal note, a Maryland equivalent offers a rapid return on investment and billions in potential savings.

I respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable vote on **HB1079**.

