

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the growth and development of small business is a priority for the continued expansion of Delaware's economy; and

WHEREAS, small businesses play an important role in Delaware's economy and in the job creation process; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 12,000 small businesses in Delaware which employ over 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the cost of government regulations and administrative procedures often fall disproportionately on small business establishments, which often have to meet the same requirements as larger firms; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of State government to avoid placing an undue burden on this sector of Delaware's economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The Governor's Small Business Council is hereby established.
2. The purpose of the Small Business Council is to advise and assist the Governor in the development of programs and policies to stimulate small business growth and development.
3. The Council shall consist of seventeen (17) members as follows:
 - a. The Lieutenant Governor of Delaware, who shall serve as Chairman; and
 - b. The Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs and Economic Development, or any successor agency responsible for economic development in Delaware, who shall serve as Vice Chairman and, in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor, as Acting Chairman; and

c. Fifteen (15) members, including five (5) members from each of Delaware's three counties, appointed by the Governor.

4. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The terms of those members who serve by virtue of the Office they hold shall be concurrent with service in the Office from which they derive Council duties.

5. The Small Business Council shall meet at least four (4) times each year and at such other times as it deems necessary. Eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum.

6. The Small Business Council shall have the authority to examine records and documents of the Executive Department of the State, except to the extent that disclosure of any such information shall be otherwise prohibited by statute, and to consult with the officers and employees of such agencies as are necessary. To that end, the officers and employees of the Executive Department are directed to cooperate fully with any lawful request as the Council may from time to time make.

7. The Council shall:

a. Review and examine in a comprehensive fashion those administrative procedures, rules, and regulations that have an impact on the operation of small business establishments.

b. Investigate the burden of state government regulation and paperwork on small business.

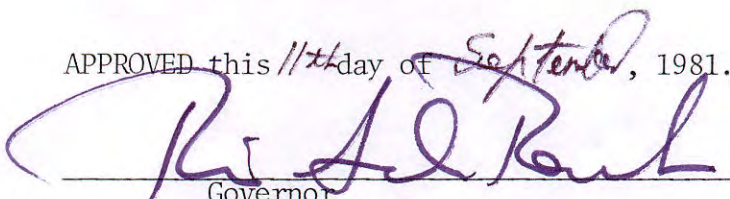
c. Examine methods to improve the administration of State licensing and permit programs for small business.

d. Identify ways to improve the quality and timeliness of information provided to small businesses about the operations of relevant state agencies.

e. Make recommendations for administrative and statutory changes to simplify or reduce the state regulatory burdens on small business.

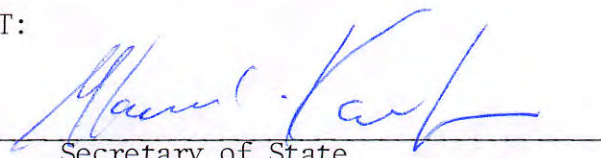
8. The final report of the Small Business Council shall be submitted to the Governor not later than October 1, 1982.

APPROVED this 11th day of *September*, 1981.



Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

