

House Bill 182

By: Representatives Lim of the 99th, Lopez of the 86th, Mainor of the 56th, and Thomas of the 65th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Economic Development, so as to create an "Entrepreneur Learner's Permit"
3 program; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations related to such program; to
4 provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
9 of Economic Development, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "50-7-90.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Department' means the Department of Economic Development.

13 (2) 'Local governing body' means any political subdivision of this state, including any
14 county, consolidated government, municipality, authority, school district, commission,
15 board, or any other local public body corporate, governmental unit, or political
16 subdivision.

(3) 'Permit' means an Entrepreneur Learner's Permit issued pursuant to this Code section.

(b) The department shall develop and implement an Entrepreneur Learner's Permit program to assist first-time entrepreneurs in starting new businesses in the state by providing waivers of state or local governing body filing, permitting, or licensing fees associated with the formation of a new business in the state.

(c) Applicants for participation in the Entrepreneur Learner's Permit program shall apply to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, prior to the formation of the business for which the entrepreneur seeks a waiver.

(d) The department shall adopt rules for the review and approval of applications, provided that it shall not issue a permit to any individual who:

(1) Has previously received a permit;

(2) Is or has been a principal of any business formed in connection with a permit; or

(3) Is or has been a principal, owner, or majority shareholder of any business formed in the state.

(e) The department shall reimburse a local governing body for the value of any filing, permitting, or licensing fees waived by such local governing body for permit holders.

(f) The department shall provide education and training to prospective permit holders and permit holders."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.