



Acting Governor Kim Guadagno Signs Executive Order to Create Ongoing Red Tape Review Commission

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180-Day Department Reviews Cite 140 Administrative Rules for Modification, Repeal, or Abolishment

Trenton, NJ – Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today signed Executive Order No. 41 to establish an ongoing bi-partisan Red Tape Review Commission, continuing the Administration's efforts to streamline State government in New Jersey and spur economic activity. The nine-member Commission, chaired by the Lieutenant Governor, will review administrative rules and regulations and solicit public input on regulatory barriers in order to analyze the impact on job creation, economic growth, and investment throughout the State.

The Commission will make recommendations to the Governor for improving our regulatory climate by providing periodic reports, and serve as an ongoing advisory resource to the Governor. The Commission replaces the Red Tape Review Group, another bipartisan body with representatives from both the Legislative and Executive Branches of State government that was created by Executive Order No. 3 (2010), and represents the next step in a continuous, concerted effort by the Christie – Guadagno Administration to improve New Jersey's business climate through the implementation of common sense regulations.

Membership of the Commission will include four members from the New Jersey State Legislature, four public members with experience and expertise in the regulatory process, and the Lieutenant Governor. Existing Department of State staff will serve as professional staff to the Commission and members will serve without compensation.

"The Red Tape Review Commission established today will be a permanent fixture for the ongoing review of job-killing red tape and will be a continuous advocate for bringing common sense regulation to New Jersey. We can, and must, put forward regulation that is meaningful, that works to protect our citizens while not stifling the economic growth and job creation our families desperately need right now," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "Businesses large and small can be confident that eliminating overly burdensome red tape and costly regulatory hurdles and hoops will remain a top priority of this Administration."

In addition to today's executive order signing, the Acting Governor released the 180-day reviews conducted by State departments ordered under Executive Order No. 2. The 180-day review follows the Red Tape Review Group's 90-day final report submitted to Governor Christie on April, 2010. Both reports are aimed at providing a useful evaluation of existing regulations for compliance with "Common Sense Principles" for administrative rule-making established by Governor Christie in Executive Order No. 3.

This review resulted in recommendations that impacted 140 administrative rules. Of these, three new proposals were promulgated to clarify existing rules, 99 amendments were proposed to existing regulations, 31 proposals were made to repeal existing rules, one rule was permitted to expire and the abolition of 6 chapters of the *New Jersey Administrative Code* in their entirety.

Examples of Department-specific submissions made in the review include:

- The Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) in the Department of Law and Public Safety proposed modification to a chapter of rules relating to suspicious activity reporting. The DGE determined that because corresponding federal regulations now require the filing of suspicious activity reports, the federal rules satisfy the State's needs. Accordingly, DGE recommends that the rule chapter be permitted to expire in November of 2010.
- The professional licensing boards reviewing requirements for continuing education credits and associated fees, along with the cost of re-activating licenses, across a broad swath of occupations.
- The Department of Community Affairs proposed a revision to a regulation regarding lead paint abatement work. To prevent lead poisoning in children, the proposal would permit the combination of lead abatement measures (permanent measures) with interim cost control measures (temporary measures) to obtain the most protective product for least cost.
- The Department of Agriculture has proposed the elimination of separate and duplicative state-level regulations for the control of invasive species and a pest that is already subject to a federal compliance agreement with the State.

A copy of the Departments' 180-review submissions can be found [here](#), a copy of the Red Tape Review Group's final findings and recommendation can be found [here](#) and a copy of the EO No. 41 can be found [here](#).

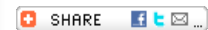
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