

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 756**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chang**

February 25, 2015

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An act relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 756, as introduced, Chang. Small businesses: state agencies: civil fines and penalties.

Generally, existing law authorizes state agencies to assess administrative fines or recover civil penalties in enforcement actions against business establishments for violating various state laws. Existing law prohibits a state agency from imposing any civil fine on a small business, as defined, for a violation of an administrative rule or regulation or a noncriminal statute as a result of a Year 2000 Problem, as defined, suffered by the small business if certain requirements are met.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize certain state agencies to waive penalties for small businesses within their first 120 days of operation if certain requirements are met.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would authorize certain state agencies to waive
- 3 penalties for small businesses within their first 120 days of

- 1 operation if the violation does not create a threat to health or safety,
- 2 does not violate any provision of the Labor Code, and was not
- 3 done intentionally.

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