

HB 1305 -- REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (Rowden)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention

This bill requires any comprehensive state energy plan developed by the Division of Energy within the Department of Economic Development to be adopted and implemented only with the approval of the General Assembly by concurrent resolution.

The bill establishes the Regulatory Improvement Commission within the Department of Economic Development to evaluate and provide recommendations for modification, consolidation, or repeal of regulations with the aim of reducing compliance costs, encouraging growth and innovation, and improving competitiveness. The commission will consist of the following members:

- (1) One member appointed by the Governor who will serve as the chairperson of the commission;
- (2) Two members appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate;
- (3) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- (4) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- (5) Two members appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives.

The commission must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2016, detailing the commission's findings and recommendations. The commission must dissolve after the submission of its report. This provision will expire December 31, 2017.