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## **SUPPORT Regulatory Reform (SB1348, sponsored by Sen. Bob Burns)**

### Overview

Regulations and navigating the regulatory process is time and money. Having streamlined processes and efficiencies will not only help our existing business community but also businesses looking to locate to Arizona.

Provisions include:

### Bring back the Private Enterprise Review Board – PERB

- From 1983 to 2000 (sunset July 1, 2000), Arizona had a Private Enterprise Review Board (PERB)
- During that time, PERB provided a forum for an unbiased review of state government functions that compete with private enterprise
- The current economic situation provides an opportunity to bring back PERB to evaluate opportunities where privatization could save taxpayer money and result in more efficient government operations

### Establish a sunrise process to evaluate health benefit mandates

- Because the legislative session can be hectic, it can be difficult to get the full picture of a mandate on health insurance. Provides mechanism for evaluating the social and economic impact of new health benefit coverage and administrative mandates.
- The sunrise process begins when an applicant group and/or lawmaker presents the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) with a report defining the social and cost impact of administrative mandates and mandated health benefits in health insurance products.
- Mandated health benefit and/or administrative mandate legislation will move forward after the Sunrise process has been completed.

### Governors Regulatory Review Reform (GRCC)

- Allow GRCC to modify 5 year review reports and set enforceable timelines for state agencies
- Create provisions in statute that prohibit state agencies from adopting rules that are more stringent than federal law without authority
- Require members of GRCC to be confirmed by the Senate
- Require that economic impact studies use Arizona-based information when determining the costs/benefits.
- Rules must by clear and convincing evidence prove that the benefit of the rule does not outweigh the cost to businesses.

### Other regulatory reform

- Extends the moratorium on rulemaking through FY 2011
- Promote e-licensing for acquiring a license – where appropriate
- Allow for the register (where rule dockets and final rules are filed) to be searchable by topic or agency (Currently, you must know when the rule was filed to locate it)



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- Create a one-stop-shop that allows a business to understand rules and regulations that impact their business (very good for business retention, expansion and attraction)
- Allows agencies through a summary rulemaking process to repeal obsolete rules that are deemed by the agencies to be ineffective as the repeal does not increase the cost of compliance.