

EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER

E.R.O. No. 2002-7

10.153 Transfer of powers and duties of office of regulatory reform from the executive office of the governor to the department of management and budget by type I transfer.

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Reform was created in the Executive Office of the Governor by Executive Order 1995-6, being Section 10.151 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, to review proposed rules, coordinate the processing of rules by state agencies, and work with agencies to streamline the rulemaking process and to improve public access; and

WHEREAS, Section 34 of Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, being Section 24.234 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, codified the authority of the Office of Regulatory Reform as a Type I agency within the Department of Management and Budget, the principal department created by Section 121 of Act No. 431 of the Public Acts of 1984, being Section 18.1121 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and

WHEREAS, all of the authority, powers, duties, functions, grants and responsibilities of the Office of Regulatory Reform provided for in Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being Section 24.201 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and in Executive Order 1995-6, being Section 10.151 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, were transferred to the Executive Office of the Governor by Executive Order 2000-1, being Section 10.152 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Reform has established procedures to review proposed rules, coordinate the processing of rules by state agencies and work with the agencies to streamline the rulemaking process and to improve public access; and

WHEREAS, it is organizationally sound and appropriate to continue to concentrate the review and legal certification of rules and regulations in one office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the state of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the state of Michigan do hereby order the following:

I. TRANSFER

All the authority, powers, duties, functions, grants and responsibilities of the Office of Regulatory Reform provided for in Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being Section 24.201 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and in Executive Order 1995-6, being Section 10.151 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and in Executive Order 2000-1, being Section 10.152 of the Michigan Compiled Laws are hereby transferred by Type I transfer, as defined in Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, to the Department of Management and Budget. The Office of Regulatory Reform shall exercise its prescribed statutory powers, duties and functions independently of the head of the department.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

A. The Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of all transfers of authority made under this Order.

B. The Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform shall administer the assigned functions transferred by this Order in such ways as to promote efficient administration and shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of responsibilities prescribed by this Order.

C. The Director of the Department of Management and Budget shall immediately initiate coordination with the Executive Office of the Governor to facilitate the transfers and develop memoranda of record identifying any pending settlements, issues of compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, or other obligations to be resolved related to the authority to be transferred.

D. All records, personnel, property, grants and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations and other funds used, held, employed, available or to be made available to the Office of Regulatory Reform located within the Executive Office of the Governor for the activities, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities transferred to the Office of Regulatory Reform located within the Department of Management and Budget are hereby transferred to the Office of Regulatory Reform located within the Department of Management and Budget.

E. The Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform may, by written instrument, delegate a duty or power conferred by this Order, and the person to whom such duty or power is so delegated may perform such duty or exercise such power at the time and to the extent that such duty or power is delegated by the Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform.

F. The State Budget Director shall determine and authorize the most efficient manner possible for handling financial transactions and records in the state's financial management system for the remainder of the fiscal year.

G. All rules, orders, contracts, grants and agreements relating to the functions transferred to the Office of Regulatory Reform located within the Department of Management and Budget by this Order lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Order by the responsible state agency shall continue to be effective until revised, amended or rescinded.

H. Any suit, action or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against or before any entity affected by this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order.

I. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder thereof.

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