



# The State of Maryland

## Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
01.01.2011.20

### Governor's Job Creation Through Regulatory Reform Initiative

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and Maryland families are not immune from the continuing effects of the global recession, and our unemployment rate, though one of the lowest in the United States, shows that we still have far too many Marylanders out of work;

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has promoted economic development and job creation by making record investments in public school construction, creating a large-scale public venture capital initiative, investing millions in loans to small businesses, providing numerous tax incentives to Maryland businesses, and working to streamline business and economic development projects;

WHEREAS, The private sector plays an essential role in economic development and job creation; and businesses thrive in an economic environment that encourages innovation and investment and provides a predictable and balanced regulatory future;

WHEREAS, State agencies must balance their core institutional missions, including the protection of public health, welfare, safety, and our environment, with the need to promote economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation;

WHEREAS, Many businesses are required to comply with regulations issued by numerous agencies, and many of these regulations impose burdens that are not justified by present facts and circumstances and do not further the institutional missions of State agencies;

WHEREAS, Unnecessary and onerous regulations waste private and public sector resources and jeopardize investment in the State's economy; and

WHEREAS,

All State agencies must take additional steps to reduce regulatory burdens in order to enable regulated businesses to focus on expansion and job creation and to foster the growth of small businesses and new industries.

NOW THEREFORE,

I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Each agency shall conduct a comprehensive review of its regulations in order to determine whether any such regulations should be modified, streamlined, or repealed in order to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and promote economic growth and job creation.

B. Each agency shall identify circumstances in which businesses are co-regulated by other agencies and identify ways in which rules and regulations can be harmonized to eliminate unnecessary burdens on the private sector.

C. Each agency shall provide a report with the results of its review and a set of recommendations to the Governor's Chief of Staff no later than December 17, 2011.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2011.

  
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Martin O'Malley  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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John P. McDonough  
Secretary of State

