

S. 49

To establish a Department of Commerce and Labor

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
8th of December, 2024

Mr. Snowbleed (for himself) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Senate committee on the Judiciary.

A BILL

To establish and define the Department of Commerce and Labor

TITLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

SEC. 101 – SHORT TITLE

- (a) This bill shall be referred to as “The Department of Commerce and Labor Act of 2024” or “DOCAL Act of 2024”.

SEC. 102 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) Any clause, subsection or part of any law that conflicts with this act shall be deemed null and void.
- (b) This act shall be severable, in which, if any provision of this act is found unconstitutional, the rest of the act shall be in full effect unless also found unconstitutional.

- (c) This act shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

SEC. 103 – DEFINITIONS

- (a) The term “Business License” shall refer to a license, granted by the Department of Commerce and Labor, to lawfully operate within the United States.

TITLE II – DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR; POWERS OF THE SECRETARY

SEC. 201 – THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

- (a) There shall be an executive department in the Government to be called the Department of Commerce and Labor, with a Secretary of Commerce and Labor, who shall be the head thereof, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and whose tenure of office shall be like that of the heads of the other executive departments.
- (b) There is established in the Department of Commerce and Labor the office of Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Labor, which shall be filled by appointment by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Deputy Secretary shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Labor or required by law.
- (c) There are established in the Department of Commerce and Commerce and Labor two offices of Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, which shall be filled by appointment by the President. Each of the Assistant Secretaries of Commerce

and Labor shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor or required by law.

SEC. 202 – REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS LICENSES

- (a) To operate lawfully within the United States, a business domestically or foreign based must register with the Department of Commerce and Labor, and receive a license to operate.
- (b) Business licenses must fall into one of the following categories:
 - 1. Financial Institutions;
 - 2. Law Firms;
 - 3. Media & Entertainment;
 - 4. Retail;
 - 5. Security;
 - 6. Housing;
 - 7. Technology;
 - 8. Transportation.
- (c) To operate a business in the United States, a business owner applying for a license must:
 - 1. Be a citizen of the United States for at least one month;
 - 2. Be the owner of a business applying for a license to operate within the United States;
 - 3. Have at least three employees who are citizens of the United States, in the business they are applying a license for, where the applicant does not count towards the required employee count;
 - 4. Have a Discord server dedicated solely to the operations of the business;
 - 5. Not already hold two or more licenses in the respective category, as defined by Sec. 202(b).

**SEC. 203 – POWERS OF THE SECRETARY OF
COMMERCE AND LABOR**

- (a) The Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall have the discretionary authority to establish a proportional, fair and just system, notwithstanding the criteria in Sec. 202(c), for the establishment, renewal and revocation of licenses afforded to businesses who wish to operate within the United States.