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Business Law Update: HB 277

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Secretary of State – Chief Business Officer

- Secretary of State's Office oversees 667,000+ entities organized and registered in Kentucky
 - 186,000 active companies
- Secretary of State's Office is charged with overseeing Kentucky business entities laws – ensuring Kentuckians have *modern, streamlined, and effective statutes*



House Bill 277 – Occupational License Tax Form

- In taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky, businesses are required to register for a license to conduct business within that jurisdiction
- What is the purpose of HB 277?
 - Current Issues/Obstacles for Compliance:
 - Locating and acquiring the correct forms
 - Number of forms – there are over 200 taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky
 - 19 separate jurisdictions in Kenton County



House Bill 277 – The Solution

- Creates a central location for all forms
 - All local governments/municipalities who collect occupational taxes will submit their forms to the Secretary of State's Office by November 1, 2012, for publication on the state's Business One Stop Website or another public website maintained by the office.
- Creates a uniform standard collection form
 - HB 277 creates an advisory committee chaired by the Secretary of State to create a uniform standard collection form – ultimately approved by State/Local Government Interim Joint Committee
 - Phased-in Implementation - 2017



House Bill 277 - Conclusion

- Rationale behind HB 277 helps achieve the goals of SB 8 – Kentucky Business One Stop Portal
 - Facilitates interaction between businesses and government;
 - Targets and develops future business and economic development
- HB 277 is “efficient and effective government”