

EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER
E.R.O. No. 2000-1

10.152 Transfer of powers and duties of the office of regulatory reform to the executive office of the governor by a 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 or in the assignment of functions among its units that he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Reform was created in the Executive Office by Executive Order 1995-6 to review proposed rules, coordinate the processing of rules by state departments, and work with departments to streamline the rulemaking process; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, amended the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, being Sections 24.201 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, in part, by adding Section 34, being Section 24.234 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, which codified the authority of the Office of Regulatory Reform as a Type I agency within the Department of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, the effective date of the creation of the Office of Regulatory Reform in the Department of Management and Budget will be April 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Reform, both under Executive Order 1995-6 and Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, will review and process rules from all state departments; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Reform's coordination and rule review functions must be performed independently of departments seeking to promulgate rules; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the interests of efficient administration and effectiveness of government to effect changes in the organization of the Executive Branch of government.

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:

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 by Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, being Sections 24.201 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and Executive Order 1995-6, are hereby transferred to the Executive Office of the Governor by a Type I transfer, as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of the transfer.

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

The Department of Management and Budget 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 this fiscal year.

All records, personnel, property and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations and other funds used, held, employed, available or to be made available to the Office of Regulatory Reform for the activities, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities transferred by this Order are hereby transferred to the Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform.

All rules, orders, contracts and agreements related to the assigned functions that were lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Order shall continue to be effective until revised, amended or repealed.

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. Any suit, action or other proceeding may be maintained by, against or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

In fulfillment of the requirement of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963, the provisions of this Executive Order shall take effect April 1, 2000.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of office of regulatory reform from the executive office of the governor to the department of management and budget, see E.R.O. No. 2002-7, compiled at MCL 10.153 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.