

HB 473 -- REGULATION OF HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

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This bill prohibits municipalities from restricting the operation of a no-impact "home-based business" or otherwise requiring a person to apply for or obtain a permit, license, variance, or other prior approval to operate a no-impact home-based business. The bill establishes a list of factors that qualify a residential property for use as a no-impact home-based business.

Municipalities can establish reasonable regulations on a home-based business if the regulations are narrowly tailored for specified purposes, including protecting public health and safety. A municipality that enacts a regulation bears the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the regulation complies with this bill.