

HB 491 -- 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 home-based business 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.

In addition to a reporter, the bill also authorizes any form of audiotape, videotape, or digital recording to provide the required record of a board of adjustment meeting.

This bill is similar to HB 473 (2019).