

Regulatory Sunset Act

Regulations proliferate and businesses shoulder the compliance burden:

The US Code of Federal Regulations has grown over 20% since 1997 to 1.08 million restrictions.

California lacks a meaningful mechanism to review and eliminate inefficient regulations. It would take over 29 weeks to just read California's 400K restrictions made up of over 21.2 million words.

Agency-wide sunset laws in Texas have not slowed the growth of Texas' administrative code which now contains more than 225,000 restrictions. These burdens prompted CNBC to place Texas in the bottom half of its business friendliness rankings on regulatory environment.

Idaho's regulatory sunset requirement reduced 75% of the state code in 2019 and requires review of every regulation every 5 years.

Problem

Bloated regulation stays on the books for decades.

Periodic sunset review is needed to decrease regulatory burden and increase government efficiency and accountability.

1. Regulations require businesses to focus on the rules instead of their customers, products, and employees.
2. Regulations empower unelected bureaucrats to restrict behavior with little accountability.
3. Even useful regulations can outlive their usefulness, but no one checks to ensure they still make sense or whether they accomplish their intended purpose.
4. A lack of sunset provisions allows agencies to pass inflexible, inaccurate, and potentially costly regulations that could be on the books for decades.

Solution

Rules that periodically expire.

Regulatory sunset allows states to ensure that their citizens are only burdened with effective and beneficial regulations

- A) Rules expire after a set time, and must go back through the rulemaking process.
- B) Sunset review replaces costly regulations with newer, efficient ones over time, responsibly enhancing accountability and competition.

Results

Rules that expire automatically encourage agencies to write more refined regulations.

Regulatory sunsets make government more efficient and ensure outdated regulations don't remain a burden on job-creating businesses

- A) Reduced burden and costs on the market.
- B) Responsible & accountable government.
- C) Increased market competition and innovation.