

Regulatory Sunset Act

Unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats are crushing small businesses under mountains of complex regulations that often require an attorney to navigate.



In less than three decades, more than **180,000 federal regulations** have been added to the books, bringing the total to a staggering 1.08 million restrictions.



State regulations pile atop federal regulations, adding **hundreds of thousands of additional requirements** to every business, especially businesses that operate in multiple states.



In California, it would take more than 29 weeks just to read the 21.2 million words that outline the state's **400,000 regulatory restrictions**.

Regulatory authority grows each year, and bureaucrats lack the incentive to look critically at older regulations to ensure they are still helpful, are not excessively burdensome, and accomplish their intended results.

The Solution

Regulatory sunseting requires state agencies to review and renew regulations or allow them to expire periodically.

Why it Matters

Bureaucratic regulations can outlive their usefulness by decades with no easy mechanism to remove them.

Unchecked government regulations...



...force businesses to focus on compliance instead of growth and innovation.



...allow unelected bureaucrats to wield power with little accountability.



...drive up the costs of goods and services to consumers.

Bottom Line

Sunsetting would allow complex and expensive regulations to be eliminated or replaced with newer, streamlined versions over time, responsibly enhancing government accountability and freeing up small businesses' resources.