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## General Government

### Department of Business Regulation

Article XX of the Governor's Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2010 transfers the Building Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board (CRB) from the Department of Administration's Capital Projects and Project Management (CPPM) program to the Department of Business Regulation, bringing the total number of programs and, thus, budgetary line items in the budget bill to ten. The Board, although not a subprogram or program within the Department of Administration, nevertheless, is charged with registering building contractors and safeguarding consumer rights related to contracted improvements to residential property.

Executive Order 08-04, dated July 8, 2008 issued by the Governor, also decouples the banking and securities divisions within the Department of Business Regulation and makes each one a separate program and line item in the appropriations bill once again. Beginning in FY 2007, the two divisions were one program in the appropriations act. To aid the reader of the Governor's FY 2010 budget documents, all sources of expenditures are presented under one program (Banking and Securities Regulation) in the Governor's FY 2009 revised expenditures recommendation and as a separate budgeting and accounting entity in the FY 2010 budget recommendation.

### Department of Revenue

In a continual effort to streamline the functions and operations of state government, the Governor recommends merging the sub-program of Local Government Assistance within the Division of Planning at the Department of Administration into the Department of Revenue's Division of Municipal Finance. Local Government Assistance lends expertise in the areas of comprehensive planning, land use regulation, capital projects and compliance with state law and the state Guide Plan.

### Secretary of State

To enhance operating efficiencies, two new sub-programs are being added to the Administration program for a total of three subprograms. These include: 1) Personnel and Finance and 2) Information Technology. Another sub-program---"First Stop Business Information"--- also is added to the Corporations program for a total of two subprograms. In addition to providing administrative support for payroll and personnel matters, the Personnel and Finance sub-program will serve a central function within the Office of Secretary of State, planning, organizing, directing and controlling the staffing, budgeting and finance needs of the department. Information Technology will develop and implement e-government solutions to collect and distribute information to the public and support the computing needs and computer system of the Secretary of State. Finally, the "First Stop Business Information Center" will serve as the referral and information center for small business owners.

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## **Public Safety**

### **Department of Public Safety**

Article XX of the Governor's FY 2010 Appropriations Bill transfers the Forensic Sciences Unit from the Department of Health to the Department of Public Safety, becoming the eighth program and, thus, another appropriations line item within the budget bill as part of the Governor's continual effort to streamline and enhance operating efficiencies throughout state government. The Forensic Sciences Unit will continue to provide services to federal, state, and local law enforcement through the examination and analysis of evidence submitted in cases of homicide, suicide, drug overdose, poisoning, illegal drug trafficking, sexual assault and other violent crimes.

## **Natural Resources**

### **Department of Environmental Management**

Due to several retirements experienced in the Office of the Director's program, funding in the line item sequence of Associate Director, Policy and Administration, has been merged into other sequences within the Department, thus, reducing by one the number of line item sequences in this program.