Rules in Motion

Sort government actions by how they change rules for businesses.

SS24.E.7 "Analyze the role of government in a market economy. 7a Research and explain ways the government influences the economy, including promoting and securing competition, protecting private property rights, distributing resources..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

REGULATION	DEREGULATION
Government regulates a market when it adds a rule or makes an existing rule stricter for businesses.	Government deregulates a market when it removes a rule or makes an existing rule less strict for businesses.
A coastal state requires commercial fishing boats to carry location trackers.	A national agency ends its ban on using drones to deliver farm supplies.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle REGULATE or DEREGULATE for each item; for Part 2, choose two items and explain how the rule change proves each choice.

1.	A state requires landlords to install smoke detectors in every rental unit.	REGULATE DEREGULATE
2.	A federal agency orders airlines to disclose all baggage fees before checkout.	REGULATE DEREGULATE
3.	A city ends mandatory yearly inspections for ride-share vehicles.	REGULATE DEREGULATE
4.	A state requires banks to hold a larger cash reserve.	REGULATE DEREGULATE
5.	A state ends the license requirement for pet-sitting businesses.	REGULATE DEREGULATE
6.	A city repeals a rule limiting delivery truck operating hours.	REGULATE DEREGULATE
7.	A federal agency requires bottled-water companies to test for arsenic each month.	REGULATE DEREGULATE
8.	A city orders restaurants to post food inspection results at the entrance.	REGULATE DEREGULATE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new government action that regulates a business and one that deregulates a business; label each action.

REGULATE _____

DEREGULATE _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one of your new actions and explain one likely benefit and one likely cost for consumers or producers.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A state requires landlords to install smoke detectors in every rental unit.	**REGULATE**	The state adds a safety requirement for landlords.
2	A federal agency orders airlines to disclose all baggage fees before checkout.	**REGULATE**	The agency adds a disclosure requirement for airlines.
3	A city ends mandatory yearly inspections for ride-share vehicles.	**DEREGULATE**	The city removes an inspection requirement.
4	A state requires banks to hold a larger cash reserve.	**REGULATE**	The state makes an existing reserve requirement stricter.
5	A state ends the license requirement for pet-sitting businesses.	**DEREGULATE**	The state removes a licensing requirement.
6	A city repeals a rule limiting delivery truck operating hours.	**DEREGULATE**	The city removes a limit on when delivery trucks may operate.
7	A federal agency requires bottled-water companies to test for arsenic each month.	**REGULATE**	The agency adds a testing requirement.
8	A city orders restaurants to post food inspection results at the entrance.	**REGULATE**	The city adds a public reporting requirement.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **REGULATE**: A city requires appliance repair businesses to give customers written price estimates before starting work.
- **DEREGULATE**: A state removes its limit on how many mobile pet-grooming businesses may operate.

Challenge: Written estimates can help consumers compare repair prices before agreeing to a service, but preparing them may add paperwork costs for repair businesses.

Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 add or strengthen requirements; items 3, 5, and 6 remove requirements or limits. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the specific rule added, strengthened, or removed.