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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to expedited permitting;
3 amending s. 288.109, F.S.; specifying that the
4 State Technology Office is responsible for
5 establishing and implementing an Internet site
6 for the One-Stop Permitting System; providing
7 that the 60-day period for application approval
8 or denial under the system does not apply to
9 certain applications; removing provisions that
10 provide for a waiver of development permit fees
11 for a specified period when an agency begins
12 accepting applications through the system;
13 amending ss. 288.1092 and 288.1093, F.S.;
14 establishing the One-Stop Permitting System
15 Grant Program and the Quick Permitting County
16 Designation Program within the State Technology
17 Office; providing an effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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21 Section 1. Section 288.109, Florida Statutes, is
22 amended to read:

23 288.109 One-Stop Permitting System.--

24 (1) By January 1, 2000, the State Technology Office
25 ~~Department of Management Services~~ must establish and implement
26 an Internet site for the One-Stop Permitting System. The
27 One-Stop Permitting System Internet site shall provide
28 individuals and businesses with information concerning
29 development permits; guidance on what development permits are
30 needed for particular projects; permit requirements; and who
31 may be contacted for more information concerning a particular

1 development permit for a specific location. The office
2 ~~department~~ shall design and construct the Internet site and
3 may competitively procure and contract for services to develop
4 the site. In designing and constructing the Internet site, the
5 office ~~department~~ must solicit input from potential users of
6 the site.

7 (2) The office ~~department~~ shall develop the One-Stop
8 Permitting System Internet site to allow an applicant to
9 complete and submit application forms for development permits
10 to agencies and counties. The Internet site must be capable of
11 allowing an applicant to submit payment for permit fees and
12 must provide payment options. After initially establishing the
13 Internet site, the office ~~department~~ shall implement, in the
14 most timely manner possible, the capabilities described in
15 this subsection. The office ~~department~~ shall also develop a
16 protocol for adding to the One-Stop Permitting System
17 additional state agencies and counties that agree to
18 participate. The office ~~department~~ may competitively procure
19 and contract for services to develop such capabilities.

20 (3) As used in this section, the term "development
21 permit" includes any state, regional, or local permits or
22 approvals necessary for the physical location or expansion of
23 a business, including, but not limited to:

- 24 (a) Wetland or environmental resource permits.
- 25 (b) Surface water management permits.
- 26 (c) Stormwater permits.
- 27 (d) Site plan approvals.
- 28 (e) Zoning approvals and comprehensive plan
29 amendments.
- 30 (f) Building permits.
- 31 (g) Transportation concurrency approvals.

- 1 (h) Consumptive water-use permits.
- 2 (i) Wastewater permits.
- 3 (4) The One-Stop Permitting System must initially
- 4 provide access to the following state agencies, water
- 5 management districts and counties, with other agencies and
- 6 counties that agree to participate:
- 7 (a) The Department of Environmental Protection.
- 8 (b) The Department of Community Affairs.
- 9 (c) The Department of Management Services.
- 10 (d) The Department of Transportation, including
- 11 district offices.
- 12 (e) The Northwest Florida Water Management District.
- 13 (f) The St. Johns River Water Management District.
- 14 (g) The Southwest Florida Water Management District.
- 15 (h) The Suwannee River Water Management District.
- 16 (i) The South Florida Water Management District.
- 17 (j) Selected counties that agree to participate.
- 18 (5) By January 1, 2001, the following state agencies,
- 19 and the programs within such agencies which require the
- 20 issuance of licenses, permits, and approvals to businesses,
- 21 must also be integrated into the One-Stop Permitting System:
- 22 (a) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer
- 23 Services.
- 24 (b) The Department of Business and Professional
- 25 Regulation.
- 26 (c) The Department of Health.
- 27 (d) The Department of Insurance.
- 28 (e) The Department of Labor.
- 29 (f) The Department of Revenue.
- 30 (g) The Department of State.
- 31 (h) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

1 (i) Other state agencies.

2 (6) The office ~~department~~ may add counties and
3 municipalities to the One-Stop Permitting System as such local
4 governments agree to participate and develop the technical
5 capability of joining the system.

6 (7) To the extent feasible, state agencies are
7 directed to develop and implement on-line permitting systems.

8 (8) Section 120.60(1) shall apply to any development
9 permit or license filed under the One-Stop Permitting System,
10 except the 90-day time period for approving or denying a
11 completed application shall be 60 days. In the case of permits
12 issued by the water management districts, each completed
13 application that does not require governing board approval
14 must be approved or denied within 60 days after receipt.
15 However, completed permit applications which must be
16 considered by a water management district governing board
17 shall be approved or denied at the next regularly scheduled
18 meeting after the 60-day period has expired. The 60-day period
19 for approving or denying a complete application does not apply
20 in the case of a development permit application evaluated
21 under a federally delegated or approved permitting program.
22 However, the reviewing agency shall make a good-faith effort
23 to act on such permit applications within 60 days.

24 (9) Each agency shall maintain a record of the time
25 required for that agency to process each application that is
26 filed using the One-Stop Permitting System and submit a report
27 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives by January 1 of each year which compiles such
29 information.

30 ~~(10) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or~~
31 ~~administrative rule to the contrary, the fee imposed by a~~

1 ~~state agency or water management district for issuing a~~
2 ~~development permit shall be waived for a 6-month period~~
3 ~~beginning on the date the state agency or water management~~
4 ~~district begins accepting development permit applications over~~
5 ~~the Internet and the applicant submits the development permit~~
6 ~~to the agency or district using the One-Stop Permitting~~
7 ~~System. The 6-month fee waiver shall not apply to development~~
8 ~~permit fees assessed by the Electrical Power Plant Siting Act,~~
9 ~~ss. 403.501-403.519; the Transmission Line Siting Act, ss.~~
10 ~~403.52-403.5365; the statewide Multi-purpose Hazardous Waste~~
11 ~~Facility Siting Act, ss. 403.78-403.7893; the Natural Gas~~
12 ~~Pipeline Siting Act, ss. 403.9401-403.9425; and the High Speed~~
13 ~~Rail Transportation Siting Act, ss. 341.3201-341.386.~~

14 (10)~~(11)~~ A state agency or water management district
15 is authorized to reduce a development permit fee by 25 percent
16 for applicants who submit a complete application over the
17 Internet when the applicant is not required to submit
18 additional information to the agency or water management
19 district.

20 Section 2. Section 288.1092, Florida Statutes, is
21 amended to read:

22 288.1092 One-Stop Permitting System Grant
23 Program.--There is created within the State Technology Office
24 ~~Department of Management Services~~ the One-Stop Permitting
25 System Grant Program. The purpose of the grant program is to
26 encourage counties to coordinate and integrate the development
27 of the county's permitting process with the One-Stop
28 Permitting System. The office department shall review grant
29 applications and, subject to available funds, if a county is
30 certified as a Quick Permitting County under s. 288.1093,
31 shall award a grant of up to \$50,000 to provide for such

1 integration. The office ~~department~~ must review a grant
2 application for consistency with the purpose of the One-Stop
3 Permitting System to provide access to development permit
4 information and application forms. Grants shall be issued on a
5 first-come, first-served basis to qualified Quick Permitting
6 Counties. The grant moneys may be used to purchase software,
7 hardware, or consulting services necessary for the county to
8 create an interface with the One-Stop Permitting System. Grant
9 moneys may not be used to pay administrative costs. The grant
10 application must specify what items or services the county
11 intends to purchase using the grant moneys, the amount of each
12 of the items or services to be purchased, and how the items or
13 services are necessary for the county to create an interface
14 with the One-Stop Permitting System.

15 Section 3. Section 288.1093, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 288.1093 Quick Permitting County Designation
18 Program.--

19 (1) There is established within the State Technology
20 Office ~~Department of Management Services~~ the Quick Permitting
21 County Designation Program. To be designated as a Quick
22 Permitting County, the chair of the board of county
23 commissioners of the applying county must certify to the
24 office ~~Department of Management Services~~ that the county meets
25 the criteria specified in subsection (3).

26 (2) As used in this section, the term "development
27 permitting" includes permits and approvals necessary for the
28 physical location of a business, including, but not limited
29 to:

- 30 (a) Wetland or environmental resource permits.
31 (b) Surface water management permits.

1 (c) Stormwater permits.
2 (d) Site plan approvals.
3 (e) Zoning and comprehensive plan amendments.
4 (f) Building permits.
5 (g) Transportation concurrency approvals.
6 (h) Wastewater permits.
7 (3) In order to qualify for a Quick Permitting County
8 designation, a county must certify to the office ~~department~~
9 that the county has implemented the following best-management
10 practices:
11 (a) The establishment of a single point of contact for
12 a business seeking assistance in obtaining a permit;
13 (b) The selection of high-priority projects for
14 accelerated permit review;
15 (c) The use of documented preapplication meetings
16 following standard procedures;
17 (d) The maintenance of an inventory of sites suitable
18 for high-priority projects;
19 (e) The development of a list of consultants who
20 conduct business in the county;
21 (f) The evaluation and elimination of duplicative
22 approval and permitting requirements within the county;
23 (g) The commitment to participate, through the entry
24 of an interlocal agreement for individual projects, in the
25 expedited permit process set forth in s. 403.973;
26 (h) The development of a timetable for processing
27 development permits and approvals; and
28 (i) The use of interagency coordination to facilitate
29 permit processing.
30 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
31 law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Specifies that the State Technology Office is responsible for establishing and implementing an Internet site for the One-Stop Permitting System. Provides that the 60-day period for application approval or denial under the system does not apply to certain applications. Removes provisions that provide for a waiver of development permit fees for a specified period when an agency begins accepting applications through the system. Specifies that the One-Stop Permitting System Grant Program and the Quick Permitting County Designation Program are established within the State Technology Office.