

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to expedited permitting process for
 3 economic development projects; creating s. 380.0657, F.S.;
 4 requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and
 5 water management districts to adopt programs to expedite
 6 the processing of permits for certain economic development
 7 projects; requiring municipalities and counties to
 8 identify certain businesses by commission resolution;
 9 providing a timeframe for permit application approval or
 10 denial; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 380.0657, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 380.0657 Expedited permitting process for economic
 17 development projects.--The Department of Environmental
 18 Protection and, as appropriate, the water management districts
 19 created by chapter 373 shall adopt programs to expedite the
 20 processing of wetland resource and environmental resource
 21 permits for economic development projects that have been
 22 identified by a municipality or county as meeting the definition
 23 of target industry businesses under s. 288.106. A municipality
 24 or county shall provide an identified business with a city or
 25 county commission resolution identifying the business as a
 26 targeted industry business for the purposes of this section.
 27 Permit applications pursuant to this section shall be approved
 28 or denied within 30 days after receipt of the original

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29 application, the last item of timely requested additional
30 material, or the applicant's written request to begin processing
31 the permit application.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.