

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 that the issuance of certain notice
 11 constitutes compliance; providing an effective date.

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

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

17 380.0657 Expedited permitting process for economic
 18 development projects.--The Department of Environmental
 19 Protection and, as appropriate, the water management districts
 20 created by chapter 373 shall adopt programs to expedite the
 21 processing of wetland resource and environmental resource
 22 permits for economic development projects that have been
 23 identified by a municipality or county as meeting the definition
 24 of target industry businesses under s. 288.106. A municipality
 25 or county shall provide an identified business with a city or
 26 county commission resolution identifying the business as a
 27 targeted industry business for the purposes of this section.
 28 Notwithstanding the 90-day time period under s. 120.60, permit

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29 applications pursuant to this section shall be approved or
30 denied within 30 days after receipt of a completed application.
31 The issuance of a notice of intent by a water management
32 district to approve or deny a permit application shall be deemed
33 in compliance with the timeframe.

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