

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to expedited permitting process for economic development projects; providing a short title; creating s. 380.0657, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and water management districts to adopt programs to expedite the processing of permits for certain economic development projects; requiring municipalities and counties to identify certain businesses by commission resolution; providing a timeframe for permit application approval or denial; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Mike McHugh Act."

Section 2. Section 380.0657, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

380.0657 Expedited permitting process for economic development projects.--The Department of Environmental Protection and, as appropriate, the water management districts created under chapter 373 shall adopt programs to expedite the processing of wetland resource and environmental resource permits for economic development projects that have been identified by a municipality or county as meeting the definition of target industry businesses under s. 288.106. A municipality or county shall provide an identified business with a city or county commission resolution identifying the business as a targeted industry business for the purposes of this section.

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29 Permit applications pursuant to this section shall be approved  
30 or denied within 30 days after receipt of the original  
31 application, the last item of timely requested additional  
32 material, or the applicant's written request to begin processing  
33 the permit application.

34 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.