

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

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

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

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

19 380.0657 Expedited permitting process for economic
 20 development projects.--

21 (1) The Department of Environmental Protection and, as
 22 appropriate, the water management districts created under
 23 chapter 373 shall adopt programs to expedite the processing of
 24 wetland resource and environmental resource permits for economic
 25 development projects that have been identified by a municipality
 26 or county as meeting the definition of target industry
 27 businesses under s. 288.106, with the exception of those

28 projects requiring approval by the Board of Trustees of the
29 Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

30 (2) A municipality or county shall provide an identified
31 business with a city or county commission resolution identifying
32 the business as a targeted industry business.

33 (3) A mandatory preapplication review process shall be
34 required to reduce permitting conflicts by providing guidance to
35 applicants regarding the permits needed from each agency and
36 governmental entity, site planning and development, site
37 suitability and limitations, facility design, and steps the
38 applicant can take to ensure expeditious permit application
39 review.

40 (4) A permit application shall be approved or denied
41 within 45 days after receipt of the original application, the
42 last item of timely requested additional material, or the
43 applicant's written request to begin processing the permit
44 application.

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