

By Senator Geller

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Affordable Workforce Housing
3 Program; creating the Affordable Workforce Housing Program
4 within the Division of Housing and Community Development
5 of the Department of Community Affairs; providing purposes
6 of the program; requiring that the Secretary of Community
7 Affairs serve as chair of the program and appoint a
8 committee; providing for membership of the committee;
9 requiring that the committee establish certain policies
10 and procedures on or before a specified date; requiring
11 that the committee be appointed by a specified date;
12 requiring that the committee meet on or before a specified
13 date; providing for the purchase of land to be used by the
14 program; excluding land acquired pursuant to eminent
15 domain law from use in the program; requiring that the
16 department adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Affordable Workforce Housing Program.--

21 (1) There is created within the Division of Housing and
22 Community Development of the Department of Community Affairs the
23 Affordable Workforce Housing Program.

24 (2) The purpose of the program is to provide affordable
25 housing to the members of the workforce of this state by
26 purchasing land in areas designated by the program committee and
27 contracting for the development of low-cost housing upon such
28 land.

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29 (3) The secretary of the department shall serve as chair of
30 the program and appoint a committee consisting of six employees
31 of the department. The committee shall establish procedures and
32 policies regarding the general operation of the program, the
33 purchase of land for use by the program, the designation of
34 eligible areas for development, application procedures and forms,
35 criteria for eligibility to participate in the program, methods
36 by which land will be acquired for use by the program, guidelines
37 for soliciting bids from and contracting with builders, benefits
38 inuring to program participants, pricing of housing, and any
39 other subject matter deemed appropriate by the committee. The
40 committee shall establish any applicable policies and procedures
41 on or before January 1, 2009.

42 (4) The committee chair shall appoint the committee on or
43 before October 1, 2008, and the committee shall hold its first
44 meeting on or before October 15, 2008.

45 (5) Any land used by the program must be purchased
46 according to the procedures established by the committee. Land
47 acquired pursuant to law regarding eminent domain may not be used
48 for purposes of the program.

49 (6) The department shall adopt rules to administer the
50 program.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.