

By Senator Fasano

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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; requiring
8 municipalities and counties to identify certain businesses
9 by commission resolution; providing a timeframe for permit
10 application approval or denial; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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

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

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

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

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