

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation;
and Senators Fasano and Gaetz

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to economic development projects;
3 providing a short title; 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; providing an exception; requiring a municipality
8 or county to identify certain businesses by resolution;
9 requiring a preapplication review; requiring that a permit
10 application be approved or denied within a certain period;
11 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. 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.--

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

29 (2) A municipality or county shall provide an identified

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30 business with a municipal or county commission resolution
31 identifying the business as a targeted industry business.

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

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

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