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

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

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

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

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

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

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30 Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

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

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

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

45 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.