

Senate Study Bill 1039

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC GROWTH BILL
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the licensure, permit, and approval process
2 for site development of economic development projects.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15.381 TITLE.
1 2 This part shall be known as the "Site Development Permit
1 3 Assistance Program".
1 4 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 15.382 SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
1 5 ASSISTANCE.
1 6 1. The department shall develop and maintain an easily
1 7 accessible database that includes information regarding all
1 8 state licenses, permits, and approvals that may be required to
1 9 be obtained by a business or industry for site development.
1 10 The database shall include a categorization of licenses,
1 11 permits, and approvals related to the type of business or
1 12 industry involved.
1 13 2. The department shall develop various permit assistance
1 14 packages designed to assist different types of businesses and
1 15 industries in identifying the relevant state licenses,
1 16 permits, and approvals necessary for site development. The
1 17 packages shall include, but not be limited to, all of the
1 18 following:
1 19 a. A checklist of possible licenses, permits, and
1 20 approvals designed to provide contact information and assist
1 21 the user in a determination of relevancy.
1 22 b. Supplemental information regarding the various types of
1 23 licenses, permits, and approvals.
1 24 c. License, permit, and approval applications with any
1 25 relevant instructions.
1 26 3. The department shall develop a process for coordinating
1 27 the application process for state licenses, permits, and
1 28 approvals for complex business project site development. The
1 29 process shall include the facilitation of a preapplication
1 30 conference between the relevant state agencies, the relevant
1 31 local governmental entities, the business or industry seeking
1 32 to develop a site, and any other relevant entities.
1 33 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 15.383 CITIES AND COUNTIES == SITE
1 34 PREPARATION FOR TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
1 35 1. A city or county, subject to the approval of the
2 1 property owner, may designate an area within the boundaries of
2 2 the city or county for a specific type of targeted economic
2 3 development. Prior to a specific project being developed, a
2 4 city or county designating the area for development pursuant
2 5 to this section may apply for and obtain appropriate licenses,
2 6 permits, and approvals for the type of targeted economic
2 7 development project desired for the area.
2 8 2. The department shall develop and administer a process
2 9 for assisting a city or county preparing a site for a specific
2 10 type of targeted economic development. The site preparation
2 11 assistance shall include assisting the city or county in
2 12 identifying, applying for, and obtaining the appropriate state
2 13 licenses, permits, and approvals for the type of targeted
2 14 economic development project desired for the area.
2 15 EXPLANATION
2 16 This bill creates a site development permit assistance
2 17 program to be administered by the department of economic
2 18 development.
2 19 The bill requires the department to develop and maintain an
2 20 easily accessible database that includes information regarding
2 21 all state licenses, permits, and approvals that may be
2 22 required to be obtained by a business or industry for site

2 23 development. The bill requires the department to develop
2 24 various permit assistance packages designed to assist
2 25 different types of businesses or industries in identifying the
2 26 relevant state licenses, permits, and approvals necessary for
2 27 site development. The bill provides that the package shall
2 28 include, but not be limited to, a checklist of possible
2 29 licenses, permits, and approvals designed to provide contact
2 30 information and assist the user in a determination of
2 31 relevancy; supplemental information regarding the various
2 32 types of licenses, permits, and approvals; and license,
2 33 permit, and approval applications with any relevant
2 34 instructions. The bill requires the department to develop a
2 35 process for coordinating the application process for state
3 1 licenses, permits, and approvals for complex business project
3 2 site development.
3 3 The bill provides that a city or county, subject to the
3 4 approval of the property owner, may designate an area within
3 5 the boundaries of the city or county for a specific type of
3 6 targeted economic development. The bill provides that, prior
3 7 to a specific project being developed, a city or county
3 8 designating the area for development may apply for and obtain
3 9 appropriate licenses, permits, and approvals for the type of
3 10 targeted economic development project desired for the area.
3 11 The bill requires the department to develop and administer a
3 12 process for assisting a city or county in identifying,
3 13 applying for, and obtaining the appropriate state licenses,
3 14 permits, and approvals.
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