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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

AN ACT STREAMLINING THE PERMIT APPROVAL PROCESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) Each state or local
2 agency, department or commission shall establish a voluntary process
3 for applicants to any such state or local agency, department or
4 commission to request a preapplication review of proposed economic
5 development projects. Such process shall provide criteria and
6 standards for review which shall include a procedure to assure that all
7 relevant municipal, regional and state agencies provide the applicant
8 with preliminary recommendations on the project. Any such meeting
9 shall be convened by the state or local agency, department or
10 commission not more than forty-five days after the receipt of an
11 application from a developer of a proposed economic development
12 project. The state or local agency, department or commission shall
13 prepare a report of the comments of the agencies reviewing the
14 proposal and provide a copy of such report to the applicant and each
15 reviewing agency.

16 (b) Such preapplication review and any results or information

17 obtained from it shall not be binding on any authority, commission,
18 department, agency or any other official having jurisdiction to review
19 the proposed project and shall not give rise to any cause of action of
20 any nature whatsoever against any instrumentality of municipal
21 government or the applicant.

22 (c) Information provided by an applicant to a local, regional or state
23 agency as part of a process established by a state or local agency,
24 department or commission under this section shall not be subject to
25 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section
26 1-200 of the general statutes.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) On or before January 1, 2010,
28 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation
29 with relevant state or local agencies, departments or commissions shall
30 develop guidelines for concurrent review of economic development
31 applications to state and local agencies in a timely and reasonable
32 manner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require planning organizations to establish a voluntary preapplication review process for projects to help streamline the permit process.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]