
DIGEST

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HB 672 Engrossed

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Abstract: Permits La. Economic Development to support recruitment, retention, and expansion of brick manufacturing facilities in this state within existing authority and subject to the availability of funds.

Proposed law provides legislative findings and purpose.

Proposed law permits La. Economic Development to support recruitment, retention, and expansion of brick manufacturing facilities in this state within existing authority and subject to the availability of funds, and to develop policies consistent with existing economic development programs, when appropriate and within existing authority, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Identifying sites that possess characteristics suitable for brick manufacturing operations, such as proximity to clay deposits, for pre-certification.
- (2) Establishing specialized workforce development and training initiatives for brick manufacturing.
- (3) Developing job creation and hiring initiatives for brick manufacturing enterprises.
- (4) Providing clear regulatory pathways for the establishment of brick manufacturing facilities throughout this state.
- (5) Coordinating with ports, rail providers, and local governments regarding infrastructure needs associated with brick manufacturing projects.
- (6) Other lawful economic development activities consistent with proposed law and existing programs.

(Adds R.S. 51:971-972)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

2. Amend proposed law mandating that La. Economic Development (LED) prioritize brick manufacturing to permitting LED to support recruitment, retention, and expansion of brick manufacturing facilities in this state within existing authority and subject to the availability of funds, and to develop policies consistent with existing economic development programs, when appropriate and within existing authority.

3. Amend proposed law directing LED to promulgate related rules and regulations, including prioritizing brick manufacturing enterprises for access to this state's rail lines and port facilities and any and all other related economic development initiatives, to permitting LED to develop policies, guidance, or program criteria, including coordinating with ports and rail regarding infrastructure needs of brick manufacturers, and other lawful economic development activities consistent with proposed law and existing programs.