

1971 Senate Bill 608

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AN ACT to repeal 15.283 (2), 22.30 and 22.32 (2); to renumber 20.545 (1) (h) and (x), 22.31, 22.32 (1), 22.33 and 22.76; to renumber and amend 15.287 (1) and (5); to amend 560.03 (intro.) and (3) and 560.05 (2), all as renumbered; and to create 15.15, 15.151, 20.135, 20.923 (2) (b) 1m and chapter 560 of the statutes, relating to the creation of a department of business development through the transfer of business-related activities from the department of local affairs and development, and transferring appropriations.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. PREAMBLE. In order to promote and encourage the economic growth of Wisconsin, a reorganization of promotion and business assistance activities into a single department is desirable. The reorganization will be achieved through creation of a department of business development and through transfer of existing promotion and business-related programs from the department of local affairs and development to the new department.

SECTION 2. 15.15 of the statutes is created to read:

15.15 DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT; CREATION. There is created a department of business development under the direction and supervision of the secretary of business development.

SECTION 3. 15.151 of the statutes is created to read:

15.151 SAME; PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES. The department of business development shall have the program responsibilities specified for the department under ch. 560.

SECTION 4. 15.283 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 15.287 (1) and (5) of the statutes are renumbered 15.157 (1) and (2) and amended to read:

15.157 (1) There is created in the department of ~~local affairs and business~~ development a council for economic development consisting of such number of members as the governor determines.

(2) There is created in the department of ~~local affairs and business~~ development a council on small business investment companies consisting of ~~the secretary of local affairs and development and 4 public members appointed for staggered 4 year terms~~ such number of members as the governor determines.

SECTION 6. 20.135 of the statutes is created to read:

20.135 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF. There is appropriated to the department of business development for the following program:

(1) **PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM.** (a) General program operations. The amounts in the schedule for the promotion of economic development under ch. 560.

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(m) Federal aid. Any moneys received from the federal government as authorized by the governor under s. 16.54.

SECTION 7. 20.545 (1) (h) and (x) of the statutes, as affected by chapter 125, laws of 1971, are renumbered 20.135 (1) (g) and (x), respectively.

SECTION 8. 20.923 (2) (b) 1m of the statutes is created to read:

20.923 (2) (b) 1m. Business development, department of: secretary.

SECTION 9. 22.30 of the statutes, as affected by chapter (Senate Bill 865), laws of 1971, is repealed.

SECTION 10. 22.31 of the statutes, as affected by chapter (Senate Bill 865), laws of 1971, is renumbered 560.03 and 560.03 (intro.) and (3), as renumbered, are amended to read:

560.03 (intro.) ~~The division of economic development will be responsible for carrying out the functions of ss. 23.30 to 22.76 and the secretary shall act basically to coordinate these activities with the other functions of the department.~~ The department shall foster and encourage economic development programs designed to broaden and strengthen the economy of the state, and it shall provide specific leadership in the following instances, among others, and shall:

(3) ~~The administrator of the division of economic development shall identify~~ Identify for the governor's attention those significant business and industrial problems which may be relieved by state action.

SECTION 11. 22.32 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 560.04.

SECTION 12. 22.32 (2) of the statutes, as affected by chapter (Senate Bill 865), laws of 1971, is repealed.

SECTION 13. 22.33 of the statutes is renumbered 560.05 and 560.05 (2), as renumbered, is amended to read:

560.05 (2) The ~~division~~ department shall utilize and coordinate with research programs of other state agencies and shall make such agreements as may be necessary to effectuate its own research program. It ~~may~~ shall initiate research and economic planning ~~but where possible it~~ and shall seek to make full use of and strengthen the research resources of state agencies, including the university or such other institutions of higher education as will enhance the work of the ~~division~~ department.

SECTION 14. 22.76 of the statutes is renumbered 560.06.

SECTION 15. Chapter 560 of the statutes is created to read:

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

560.001 DEFINITION. In this chapter, "department" means the department of business development.

560.01 ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT. (1) **PURPOSES.** The functions of the department of business development shall be of an advisory, informational, coordinative and promotional nature. Through research, planning, and promotion it shall foster the growth and diversification of the economy of the state. It shall serve as the central agency and clearinghouse for

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developmental activities concerning the economy of the state. It shall make recommendations to the governor for the purpose of guiding a coordinated and economically efficient development of the state.

(2) **DUTIES.** The department shall promote and provide assistance to commercial, industrial and recreational development and expansion; facilitate the establishment of small and minority business enterprises; encourage creation of jobs in urban and rural depressed areas in the state; coordinate state public and private economic development plans; encourage cooperation between financial institutions and businessmen to encourage commercial, industrial and recreational business expansion in Wisconsin; and develop a state economic development policy.

560.02 SECRETARY. The secretary of business development shall direct the execution of the statutory duties and powers assigned to the department and shall advise the governor and legislature on matters regarding economic growth and development in the state. The secretary shall appoint, from the classified service, the administrators for the various divisions of the department. Administrators so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary, but each shall be entitled to return to his former position or to one with equivalent responsibility and pay in the classified service in accordance with s. 16.274. The secretary may delegate any of his powers and duties to such officers and employes of the department as he designates, and may authorize successive redelegations of such powers and duties.

SECTION 16. NAME - CHANGES. Wherever the word "division" appears in sections 560.03 (2), 560.04 (intro.) and (3) and 560.05 (1), (3) and (4) of the statutes, all as renumbered, the word "department" is substituted.

SECTION 17. CROSS REFERENCE CHANGES. In the sections listed below in column A, the cross references in column B are changed to the cross references shown in column C:

A	B	C
Statute sections	Old cross references	New cross references
20.135 (1) (x), as renumbered	22.76	560.06
560.06 (1) (a), as renumbered	20.545 (1) (x)	20.135 (1) (x)

SECTION 18. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS. There is transferred to the appropriation under s. 20.135 (1) (a) the following amounts:

(1) From the appropriation under s. 20.545 (1) (a), as affected by the laws of 1971, \$480,300 in the 1971-72 fiscal year and \$487,700 in the 1972-73 fiscal year.

SECTION 19. TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. All furniture, equipment, supplies and records associated with the positions and functions transferred under this act shall be transferred to the department of business development.

SECTION 20. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL. There are transferred to the department of business development, as determined by the department of administration, the following positions:

(1) From the department of local affairs and development, 18 positions related to economic development.

SECTION 21. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall take effect on the 31st day after its publication.