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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 625.021, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to resource development programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 625.021, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 625.021, to read as follows:

625.021. The division shall foster and encourage industrial, commercial, agricultural, recreational and resource development programs designed to broaden and strengthen the economy of the state and shall provide specific leadership in the following instances, among others, and shall:

(1) Encourage the location of new industrial and commercial enterprises in the state and the expansion of industries now existing within the state by appropriate legitimate methods;

(2) Support and assist the efforts of the state, regional and local development corporations, industrial committees, chambers of commerce, labor organizations and other similar public and private agencies to obtain new, and foster the expansion of existing[,] industrial, commercial, agricultural, **biotechnological**, and recreational facilities or enterprises;

(3) Investigate, assemble, develop and study, or cause to have investigated, assembled, developed and studied, all pertinent information regarding the industrial opportunities and possibilities of the state of Missouri and its economic resources and the particular sections thereof, including raw materials and products that may be produced therefrom, power and water resources, transportation facilities and rates available, markets and the marketing limitations of

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 the state, the availability of labor, the availability of industrial sites, the advantages of the state
17 as a whole, and the particular sections thereof, as industrial locations, and such other fields of
18 research and study as the director may deem necessary;

19 (4) Formulate and maintain coordinated plans for the state's economic and resource
20 development in order to promote the economic welfare of the people of the state. The plans shall
21 include description of the development objectives and a statement of recommended means for
22 achieving such objectives. The plans, insofar as practical and desirable, shall be coordinated
23 with city, county or regional planning programs, with national planning and with the planning
24 of other states;

25 (5) Investigate, study and undertake ways and means to promote and develop markets
26 for industrial products and to promote the industrial use of agricultural and mineral forest
27 products;

28 (6) Encourage the development of recreational areas in the state and encourage the
29 traveling public to visit Missouri;

30 (7) Encourage the formation of local and sectional development committees throughout
31 the state and make available to such committees and to municipalities, communities, other
32 political subdivisions of the state, private groups, organizations, associations and agencies such
33 facts, data and information as may be useful and desirable in their efforts to encourage the
34 location of industries and commercial enterprises within this state, and in other ways to cooperate
35 with the division in carrying out the purposes of this chapter;

36 (8) Assist in the formulation and development of a more intensive program to aid and
37 expand the mining industry in Missouri;

38 (9) Provide advice and assistance to Missouri business and labor and bring to the
39 attention of the governor such significant problems as may be relieved by state action;

40 (10) Perform such other related acts as shall be, in the judgment of the director,
41 necessary and proper to carry out the objectives of the division; and

42 (11) Establish offices overseas, **including an office in Israel**, for the promotion and
43 export of Missouri agricultural, **biotechnology**, and manufactured products, for the promotion
44 of commerce through the ports and international airports of Missouri, to encourage economic
45 development, and to promote tourism into Missouri and encourage the use by tourists of
46 Missouri's recreational facilities.

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