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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1729**  
**97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a department of economic development office in Israel.

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

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 620.3100, to read as follows:

**620.3100. The department of economic development shall establish an office in  
2 Israel for the purpose of promoting strategic partnerships between Israel-based companies  
3 and Missouri-based companies. Such partnerships shall have the express purpose of  
4 strengthening and increasing the competitive edge of Missouri companies in the fields of  
5 agriculture, bio-technology, and other emerging fields. The staff of the department's office  
6 in Israel shall work in conjunction with relevant business and trade organizations  
7 throughout Missouri to promote these purposes as well as bi-lateral trade in the region.  
8 The requirement for the department of economic development to establish an office in  
9 Israel is contingent upon an appropriation for such purpose.**

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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.