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HOUSE BILL NO. 1729

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

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 known as section 620.3100, to read as follows:

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