CHAPTER 2004-37

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 162

An act relating to local government; amending s. 163.3167, F.S.; limiting the effect of judicial determinations concerning certain development orders pursuant to adopted land development regulations under the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act; providing an exception; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 163.3167, Florida Statutes, to read:

163.3167 Scope of act.—

(13)(a) If a local government grants a development order pursuant to its adopted land development regulations and the order is not the subject of a pending appeal and the timeframe for filing an appeal has expired, the development order may not be invalidated by a subsequent judicial determination that such land development regulations, or any portion thereof that is relevant to the development order, are invalid because of a deficiency in the approval standards.

(b) This subsection does not preclude or affect the timely institution of any other remedy available at law or equity, including a common law writ of certiorari proceeding pursuant to Rule 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, or an original proceeding pursuant to s. 163.3215, as applicable.

(c) This subsection applies retroactively to any development order granted on or after January 1, 2002.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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