CHAPTER 2012-90
House Bill No. 4003

An act relating to growth policy; repealing s. 163.2523, F.S., relating to the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program, to terminate the program; amending ss. 163.065, 163.2511, and 163.2514, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 163.2523, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 163.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.065 Miami River Improvement Act.—

(4) PLAN.—The Miami River Commission, working with the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County, shall consider the merits of the following:

(a) Development and adoption of an urban infill and redevelopment plan, under ss. 163.2511-163.2523, which participating state and regional agencies shall review for the purposes of determining consistency with applicable law.

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 163.2511, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.2511 Urban infill and redevelopment.—

(1) Sections 163.2511-163.2523 may be cited as the “Growth Policy Act.”

Section 4. Section 163.2514, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.2514 Growth Policy Act; definitions.—As used in ss. 163.2511-163.2523, the term:

(1) “Local government” means any county or municipality.

(2) “Urban infill and redevelopment area” means an area or areas designated by a local government where:

(a) Public services such as water and wastewater, transportation, schools, and recreation are already available or are scheduled to be provided in an adopted 5-year schedule of capital improvements;

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
(b) The area, or one or more neighborhoods within the area, suffers from pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress as defined by s. 290.0058;

(c) The area exhibits a proportion of properties that are substandard, overcrowded, dilapidated, vacant or abandoned, or functionally obsolete which is higher than the average for the local government;

(d) More than 50 percent of the area is within ¼ mile of a transit stop, or a sufficient number of transit stops will be made available concurrent with the designation; and

(e) The area includes or is adjacent to community redevelopment areas, brownfields, enterprise zones, or Main Street programs, or has been designated by the state or Federal Government as an urban redevelopment, revitalization, or infill area under empowerment zone, enterprise community, or brownfield showcase community programs or similar programs.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor April 6, 2012.

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