

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 672

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Provides for matters related to brick manufacturing.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 51:971 through 972, relative to brick manufacturing; to provide
4 legislative findings and purpose; to provide for responsibilities of Louisiana
5 Economic Development; to provide incentives for brick manufacturing; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 51:971 through 972, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART VI: BOLSTERING BRICK MANUFACTURING IN LOUISIANA ACT

11 §971. Findings; purpose

12 A. The legislature finds that brick manufacturing has been integral to this
13 state's economy since its earliest days, yet this state currently ranks thirty-third
14 nationally in clay brick production despite possessing substantial clay deposits,
15 favorable natural gas pricing, superior port and rail infrastructure, and an
16 experienced manufacturing workforce. The legislature declares that expanding this
17 industry would create quality manufacturing jobs, increase supply of and demand for
18 locally-sourced building materials, and position this state to capture a greater share
19 of regional and national markets.

1 B. It is the purpose of this Act to bolster the establishment of brick
2 manufacturing facilities in this state by reducing regulatory barriers, lowering entry
3 costs, and providing targeted support to qualifying enterprises, thereby enabling this
4 state to leverage its natural resources and infrastructure for the benefit of local
5 workers and the state's economic competitiveness.

6 §972. Brick manufacturing; definitions; priority industry; rail and port access

7 A. Louisiana Economic Development shall establish brick manufacturing as
8 a priority industry in this state.

9 B. In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Louisiana
10 Economic Development shall promulgate rules and regulations including but not
11 limited to the following:

12 (1) Identifying sites that possess characteristics suitable for brick
13 manufacturing operations, such as proximity to clay deposits, for pre-certification.

14 (2) Establishing specialized workforce development and training initiatives
15 for brick manufacturing.

16 (3) Developing job creation and hiring initiatives for brick manufacturing
17 enterprises.

18 (4) Providing clear regulatory pathways for the establishment of brick
19 manufacturing facilities throughout this state.

20 (5) Prioritizing brick manufacturing enterprises for access to this state's rail
21 lines and port facilities.

22 (6) Any and all other economic development initiatives bolstering brick
23 manufacturing in this state.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Directs Louisiana Economic Development to designate brick manufacturing as a priority industry in this state, and to promulgate rules and regulations to assist with

site identification, workforce development and training, job creation, clearing regulatory pathways, and prioritizing access to rail and port facilities.

Proposed law provides legislative findings and purpose.

Proposed law directs Louisiana Economic Development to establish brick manufacturing as a priority industry in this state, and to promulgate rules and regulations including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Identifying sites that possess characteristics suitable for brick manufacturing operations, such as proximity to clay deposits, for pre-certification.
- (2) Establishing specialized workforce development and training initiatives for brick manufacturing.
- (3) Developing job creation and hiring initiatives for brick manufacturing enterprises.
- (4) Providing clear regulatory pathways for the establishment of brick manufacturing facilities throughout this state.
- (5) Prioritizing brick manufacturing enterprises for access to this state's rail lines and port facilities.
- (6) Any and all other economic development initiatives bolstering brick manufacturing in this state.

(Adds R.S. 51:971-972)