1 2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H2/21/23 H3/14/23 94th General Assembly As Engrossed: Bill
2	Regular Session, 2023 HOUSE BILL 1207
4	Regular Session, 2025 HOUSE BILL 1207
5	By: Representative Underwood
6	By: Senator Gilmore
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9	AN ACT TO CREATE THE FAST-TRACK PERMITS ACT; AND FOR
10	OTHER PURPOSES.
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13	Subtitle
14	TO CREATE THE FAST-TRACK PERMITS ACT.
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, is amended to add an
20	additional subchapter to read as follows:
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22	<u>Subchapter 5 — Fast-Track Permits Act</u>
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24	<u>14-1-501. Title.</u>
25	This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Fast-Track
26	Permits Act".
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28	<u>14-1-502. Purpose.</u>
29	The purpose of this subchapter is to:
30	(1) Enhance economic growth in local communities:
31	(2) Reduce the regulatory burden on entrepreneurs, developers,
32	and homeowners by streamlining the issuance of local permits; and
33	(3) Ensure local governments and local government utilities are
34 25	able to process permit applications in a reasonable manner.
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36	<u>14-1-503. Definitions.</u>



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1	As used in this subchapter:
2	(1) "Applicant" means a person that submits a request for permit
3	or a person designated to act on the applicant's behalf in submitting a
4	request for permit;
5	request for permit;
6	(2) "Local governing body" means a group of persons elected or
7	appointed to make decisions for or recommendations to one (1) or more local
8	government;
9	(3) "Local government" means a municipality, county, or other
10	political subdivision of this state;
11	(4) "Local government official" means an employee of a local
12	government who is lawfully authorized to issue a permit;
13	(5) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability
14	company, partnership, association, trust, or other entity or organization
15	that can sue or be sued; and
16	(6) "Request for permit" means a request for a local government
17	official's approval of a permit related to the development of a residential,
18	multifamily, commercial, or industrial improvement within the jurisdiction of
19	<u>a local government.</u>
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1 (2) State law or rule: or 2 (3) Local ordinance or rule. 3 (d) Unless the applicant waives the automatic approval under 4 subdivision (a)(2) of this section, a local government official may refuse to 5 accept a request for permit submitted by a person who previously submitted a 6 request for permit that has not yet been approved or denied. 7 (e)(1) The time period for approval or denial of a request for permit 8 shall be extended to accommodate a time period prescribed by state statute, 9 federal law, or court order that prohibits a local government official from 10 approving or denying a request for permit within sixty (60) days. 11 (2) A local government shall provide an applicant written notice 12 stating the reasons for the extension. 13 (3) The time period for approval or denial shall be extended 14 sixty (60) days from the date of compliance as required by the state statute, 15 federal law, or court order. 16 (f) Upon consent of the applicant, a local government official may 17 extend the time period for approval or denial of a request for permit by 18 providing the amplicant uritten notice
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19 (g) If a local government official denies a request for permit, the
20 local government official shall provide the applicant written or electronic
21 notice of the denial stating the reasons the request for permit was denied.
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23 <u>14-1-505. Incomplete request for permit — Local government may deny —</u>
24 Notice required.
25 (a) A local government offical may deny an incomplete request for
26 permit for the reasons stated in subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this
27 <u>section.</u>
28 (b) A request for permit is incomplete if the request for permit does
29 not contain the information required by:
30 <u>(1) Law;</u>
31 (2) Rule required by law;
32 (3) Ordinance of the local government; or
33 (4) Policy of the local government.
34 (c) A request for permit is incomplete if the request for permit is not
35 <u>accompanied with the fee:</u>
36 <u>(1) Required to review the request for permit; and</u>

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1	(2) Established by the local government.
2	(d) If the local government denies a request for permit for being
3	incomplete or requests a revision of the request for permit, the local
4	government shall provide the applicant written or electronic notice of the
5	finding leading to the denial or request for revision.
6	<u>(e) The sixty (60) day requirement for action on a request for permit</u>
7	under § 14-1-504 automatically restarts if an applicant resubmits to the
8	local government a completed request for permit or a revised request for
9	permit after notification under subsection (d) of this section that the
10	previously submitted request for permit was denied because it was incomplete
11	or that it required revision.
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