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2 WMK199E-1
3 By Senator Elliott
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 State and local law may establish deadlines for
6 when a government agency must take action on an
7 application for a license, permit, or other
8 certification.

9 This bill would require a state or local
10 governmental body, if no law provides for a time frame,
11 to approve or deny any application for a license,
12 permit, or other certification within 45 days of
13 receiving the application, unless this time frame is
14 waived by the applicant.

15 This bill would also provide that if the
16 governmental body does not take action within 45 days,
17 the license, permit, or other certification shall be
18 deemed approved.

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21 A BILL

22 TO BE ENTITLED

23 AN ACT

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25 Relating to government-issued licenses and permits; to
26 require state and local governmental bodies in certain
27 circumstances to approve or deny licenses and permits within a
28 prescribed time frame and if a governmental body fails to do



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29 so, deem the license or permit approved.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

31 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
32 following terms have the following meanings:

33 (1) LICENSE. Any license, permit, or other
34 certification issued by a state governmental body which is
35 necessary by law to operate a business, engage in an
36 occupation, or undertake a specific activity.

37 (2) STATE GOVERNMENTAL BODY. The state and any agency,
38 department, board, or commission of the state responsible for
39 approving and issuing any license.

40 (b) Unless a law specifies otherwise, a state
41 governmental body shall:

42 (1) Upon receiving an application for a license,
43 determine whether the application is complete and if not,
44 within 15 calendar days after receiving the application,
45 respond to the applicant in writing with a description of the
46 deficiencies in the application.

47 (2) Within 45 calendar days after receiving a completed
48 application for a license, approve or deny the application.

49 (c) Unless waived by the applicant, if a state
50 governmental body fails to approve or deny an application for
51 license within the 45-day period described in subdivision
52 (b) (2), the application for the license shall be deemed
53 approved, and the state governmental body shall forthwith
54 issue the license upon the payment of any applicable fee.

55 Section 2. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
56 following terms have the following meanings:



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57 (1) LICENSE. Any license, permit, or other
58 certification issued by a local governmental body which is
59 necessary by law to operate a business, engage in an
60 occupation, or undertake a specific activity.

74 (c) Unless waived by the applicant, if a local
75 governmental body fails to approve or deny an application for
76 license within the 45-day period described in subdivision
77 (b) (2), the application for the license shall be deemed
78 approved and the local governmental body shall forthwith issue
79 the license upon the payment of any applicable fee.

80 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
81 1, 2025.