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## HOUSE BILL No. 1265

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DIGEST OF HB 1265 (Updated February 16, 2011 6:00 pm - DI 92)

**Citations Affected:** IC 8-23.

**Synopsis:** River Ridge Commerce Corridor. Establishes the River Ridge Commerce Corridor for the area that is adjacent to the segment of State Road 62 between Interstate Highway 265 and State Road 3 or adjacent to the rail line that is parallel to that segment of State Road 62. Assigns certain powers and duties concerning the corridor to the Indiana department of transportation, the Indiana economic development corporation, and the office of community and rural affairs.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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### Stemler, Clere, Rhoads, Goodin

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January 12, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
January 27, 2011, amended, reported — Do Pass. Recommitted to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.  
February 17, 2011, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-23-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2011]:

4 **Chapter 28. River Ridge Commerce Corridor**

5 **Sec. 1. The general assembly finds the following:**

- 6 (1) That the River Ridge Commerce Corridor is vitally
- 7 important to the well-being and advancement of Indiana.
- 8 (2) That the following are adjacent to or located within the
- 9 corridor:
  - 10 (A) Charlestown State Park.
  - 11 (B) The River Ridge Commerce Center, which is one of the
  - 12 largest commercial developments located east of the
  - 13 Mississippi River.
  - 14 (C) The site of the East End Ohio River Bridge, which will
  - 15 link Charlestown to the eastern suburbs of Louisville,
  - 16 Kentucky, when completed.
  - 17 (3) That the area within the River Ridge Commerce Corridor

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will continue to experience significant growth.  
(4) That the development of the River Ridge Commerce Corridor should balance public safety, economic development, the environment, quality of life concerns, the enhancement of rail transportation within the corridor, and interstate travel needs.

(5) That the development of the corridor will enhance the operations of the Port of Indiana at Jeffersonville.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "corporation" refers to the Indiana economic development corporation established by IC 5-28-3-1.

Sec. 3. (a) The River Ridge Commerce Corridor is established for the area adjacent to either of the following:

- (1) The segment of State Road 62 between:
  - (A) the point where State Road 62 meets Interstate Highway 265; and
  - (B) the point where State Road 62 meets State Road 3.
- (2) The rail line that is parallel to the segment of State Road 62 described in subdivision (1).

(b) The department may place signs designating State Road 62 as the River Ridge Commerce Corridor at appropriate locations within the corridor, as determined by the department.

Sec. 4. This chapter does not affect local planning and zoning actions taken within the River Ridge Commerce Corridor under IC 36-7.

Sec. 5. The department may annually provide the local officials having jurisdiction over the territory within the River Ridge Commerce Corridor with traffic studies and any other information relevant to:

- (1) developing and promoting the economic development of the corridor; and
- (2) maintaining an efficient system of local highways leading to the corridor.

Sec. 6. The corporation shall coordinate state and local economic development initiatives within the River Ridge Commerce Corridor.

Sec. 7. The office of community and rural affairs established by IC 4-4-9.7-4, with the assistance of the corporation and the department, shall assist the local governments having jurisdiction over the territory within the River Ridge Commerce Corridor in developing local zoning and planning standards for the corridor that balance public safety, economic development, the

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1 **environment, quality of life concerns, the enhancement of rail**  
2 **transportation within the corridor, and interstate travel needs.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1265, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 26, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1265 as introduced.)

SOLIDAY, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1265, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(5) That the development of the corridor will enhance the operations of the Port of Indiana at Jeffersonville."**

Page 2, line 18, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

Page 2, line 19, delete "Corridor:" and insert "**Corridor at appropriate locations within the corridor, as determined by the department.**".

Page 2, delete lines 20 through 22.

Page 3, delete lines 3 through 42.

Delete page 4.

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1265 as printed January 28, 2011.)

ESPICH, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 17, nays 0.

