

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3079

By: Billy, Armes, DeWitt,
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Roggow, Walker, Hiett,
Sherrer and Hilliard of the
House

and

Gumm of the Senate

(affordable rural housing - legislative intent -
effective date -
emergency)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature to provide assistance to
existing and developing programs for affordable housing with special
emphasis on rural areas of the State of Oklahoma.

The Legislature finds that access to affordable rural housing is
essential to viable economic development efforts. The Legislature
recognizes that existing and prospective employers evaluate the
quality and quantity of housing stock when making location or
expansion decisions. The Legislature intends to implement a program
that is designed to promote affordable single-family residential
housing in rural areas of the state through use of cooperative
arrangements with private sector entities including, but not limited
to, nonprofit organizations with relevant experience in
administering housing programs and the development of affordable

housing, and such other methods as may be conducive to the improvement of housing availability in rural areas of the state.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate