

3 ENGROSSED
4 House Bill No. 3079
5 As Amended

6 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 3079 - By: BILLY, ARMES, DeWITT, DENNEY,
7 BLACKWELL, ELLIS, GLENN, HICKMAN, PRUETT, ROGGOW, WALKER, HIETT,
8 SHERRER and HILLIARD of the House and GUMM of the Senate.

9 [affordable rural housing - legislative intent - effective
10 date -
11 emergency]

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

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

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

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

1 to, nonprofit organizations with relevant experience in
2 administering housing programs and the development of affordable
3 housing, and such other methods as may be conducive to the
4 improvement of housing availability in rural areas of the state.

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

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
11 dated 4-4-06 - DO PASS, As Amended.