

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE BILL 3079

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to affordable rural housing; making statement of legislative intent; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an 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.

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