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Bill Analysis

SB 1545 creates the Yes In God's Backyard Act. The measure authorizes faith based organizations to apply for approval to construct an affordable housing project on a development site located within a municipality. The projects shall be controlled by the organization for a 55-year period and must comply with all applicable regulations. If the site shall be mixed-use, the organization shall demonstrate that such development shall include a combination of residential and ancillary uses. At least 60% of a mixed-use site must be dedicated to residential areas. The measure requires the entrance of such a site to be accessible from the ground floor. At least 1 entrance must be located at least 50 feet along the primary street frontage of such property. Sites located on floodplains must undergo a full flood risk assessment while sites located on a steep slope area shall be subject to a geotechnical analysis.

Municipalities are directed to approve or disapprove the application within 15 days of receiving the application. Permit reviews shall be conducted concurrently rather than sequentially. Final permits shall be issued within 60 business days. Municipalities are prohibited from regulating the minimum square footage of the sites, mandating open spaces, and regulating the lot coverage requirements. The measure also outlines the permitted floor area ratios depending on the intended use of the sites.

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