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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the creation of the Katy Towne Centre Development
1-9 District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. CREATION OF DISTRICT. (a) Katy Towne Centre
1-12 Development District is created as a special district under Section
1-13 52, Article III, Section 1-g, Article VIII, and Section 59, Article
1-14 XVI, Texas Constitution.

1-15 (b) The board by resolution may change the district's name.

1-16 SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF INTENT. (a) The creation of the
1-17 district is necessary to promote, develop, encourage, and maintain
1-18 transportation, safety, employment, commerce, housing, tourism,
1-19 recreation, the arts, entertainment, economic development, and the
1-20 public welfare in the area of the district.

1-21 (b) The creation of the district is essential to accomplish
1-22 the purposes of Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, Section 1-g,
1-23 Article VIII, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and
1-24 other public purposes stated in this Act.

1-25 SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

1-26 (1) "Board" means the board of directors of the
1-27 district.

1-28 (2) "District" means Katy Towne Centre Development
1-29 District.

1-30 SECTION 4. BOUNDARIES. The district includes all the
1-31 territory contained in the following described area:

1-32 BEING A 85.032 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF A CALLED 101.1282
1-33 ACRE TRACT OF LAND RECORDED UNDER P-450993 IN THE CLERK'S FILE
1-34 RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS SAID 85.032 ACRE TRACT BEING OUT OF
1-35 AND A PART OF THE J.W. MCCUTCHEON SURVEY, ABSTRACT 1348, THE JESSE
1-36 THOMPSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT 393 AND THE JOHN MCKNIGHT SURVEY,
1-37 ABSTRACT 292 IN BOTH HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS AND FORT BEND COUNTY,
1-38 TEXAS AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

1-39 COMMENCING at a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the intersection
1-40 of the East right-of-way line of Pin Oak Road (varying width) with
1-41 the South right-of-way line of Roberts road (60.00 feet wide) said
1-42 1/2-inch iron rod also being the Northwest corner of a 20.00 acre
1-43 tract of land recorded under P-691302 of said Clerk's File Records
1-44 and being South 2° 12' 12" East 60.00 feet from Northwest corner of
1-45 said 101.1282 acre tract of land;

1-46 THENCE: South 2° 12' 12" East 733.78 feet along the East
1-47 right-of-way line of said Pin Oak Road and the West line of said
1-48 20.00 acre tract to a 1/2-inch iron rod found for the Southwest
1-49 corner of said 20.00 acre tract;

1-50 THENCE: North 87° 53' 02" East 20.00 feet along the South line
1-51 of said 20.00 acre tract to a 1/2-inch iron rod found and the POINT
1-52 OF BEGINNING of the description;

1-53 THENCE: North 87° 53' 02" East 1158.73 feet along the South
1-54 line of said 20.00 acre tract to a 1/2-inch iron rod found for the
1-55 Southeast corner of said 20.00 acre tract;

1-56 THENCE: North 2° 12' 36" West (called North 2° 12' 12" West),
1-57 at 744.44 feet pass a 1/2-inch iron rod found for the Northeast
1-58 corner of said 20.00 acre tract in the South line of an easement
1-59 conveyed to the City of Katy, Texas recorded in Volume 7527, Page
1-60 201 of the deed records of said Harris County, Texas, in all 804.44
1-61 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod found in the North line of said easement
1-62 for the Southeast corner of a 0.529 acre tract of land recorded in
1-63 Volume 7470, Page 50 of said deed records, said 5/8-inch iron rod
1-64 being North 87° 21' 57" East 982.55 feet from a 3/4-inch iron pipe

2-1 found in the center of Thomas Street for the Southeast corner of the
 2-2 J.J. Crawford Survey, Abstract 205, the most Westerly Southwest
 2-3 corner of the J.W. McCutcheon Survey, Abstract 1348, the most
 2-4 Northern Northeast corner of the J. Thompson Survey, Abstract 393
 2-5 also being the Northwest corner of said easement conveyed to the
 2-6 City of Katy, Texas in said Volume 7527, Page 201;

2-7 THENCE: North 1° 24' 18" West, at 280.95 feet pass the
 2-8 Northeast corner of said 0.529 acre tract, in all 340.76 feet along
 2-9 the East line of said 0.529 acre tract and along the East line of a
 2-10 0.591 acre tract, being the residue of a 1.161 acre tract of land
 2-11 recorded in Volume 7274, Page 624 of said deed records to a 1/2-inch
 2-12 iron rod found in the South right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 90;

2-13 THENCE: North 88° 51' 54" East 68.66 feet along the South
 2-14 right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 90 to a 3/4-inch iron rod
 2-15 found at a point of curvature;

2-16 THENCE: 138.95 feet along the arc of a curve to the right,
 2-17 having a radius of 5694.58 feet and a chord bearing North 89° 18' 18"
 2-18 East 138.95 feet to a 3/4-inch iron rod found at a point of
 2-19 tangency;

2-20 THENCE: South 89° 57' 12" East 136.24 feet along said South
 2-21 right-of-way line to a 3/4-inch rod found;

2-22 THENCE: North 48° 33' 09" East 55.73 feet along said South
 2-23 right-of-way line to a 2-inch iron pipe found for the Northwest
 2-24 corner of Tucker's Lane (30 foot private road);

2-25 THENCE: North 86° 22' 18" East 30.39 feet along said South
 2-26 right-of-way line to a 3/4-inch iron rod found for the Northeast
 2-27 corner of said Tucker's Lane, the same being the Northwest corner of
 2-28 a 1.8244 acre tract of land recorded in volume 3245, Page 21 of said
 2-29 deed records;

2-30 THENCE: South 1° 31' 39" East 307.78 feet along the West line
 2-31 of said 1.8244 acre tract and the East line of said Tucker's Lane to
 2-32 a 3/4-inch pinched iron pipe found at an angle point;

2-33 THENCE: South 47° 11' 08" East, at 275.11 feet pass the
 2-34 Southeast corner of said 1.8244 acre tract, the same being the
 2-35 Westerly most Southwest of a 10.1451 acre tract of land recorded
 2-36 under L-041936 of said Clerk's File Records, in all 1526.46 feet
 2-37 along the Southwesterly line of said 1.8244 acre tract and the
 2-38 Southwesterly line of said 10.1451 acre tract to a 1 1/2-inch iron
 2-39 pipe found for the South corner of said 10.1451 acre tract in the
 2-40 North right-of-way of Interstate Highway 10 Service Road;

2-41 THENCE: South 40° 52' 09" West 768.09 feet along the North
 2-42 right-of-way line of said Interstate Highway 10 Service Road to a
 2-43 concrete right-of-way monument found at a point of curvature;

2-44 THENCE: 955.70 feet along the arc of a curve to the right,
 2-45 having a radius of 2704.79 feet and a chord bearing South 51° 02' 27"
 2-46 West 950.74 feet and along said North right-of-way line to a partly
 2-47 demolished concrete right-of-way monument found at a point of
 2-48 tangency;

2-49 THENCE: South 61° 43' 28" West 63.55 feet along said North
 2-50 right-of-way line to a partly demolished concrete right-of-way
 2-51 monument found at a point of curvature;

2-52 THENCE: 486.09 feet along the arc of a curve to the right,
 2-53 having a radius of 532.96 feet and a chord bearing South 87° 10' 56"
 2-54 West 469.42 feet and along said North right-of-way line to a partly
 2-55 demolished concrete right-of-way monument found at a point of
 2-56 tangency;

2-57 THENCE: North 66° 32' 22" West at 87.54 feet pass 1/2-inch
 2-58 iron pipe found, in all 153.14 feet along said North right-of-way
 2-59 line to a 2-inch pipe found;

2-60 THENCE: North 66° 36' 10" West 91.30 feet along said North
 2-61 right-of-way line to a concrete right-of-way monument found at a
 2-62 point of curvature;

2-63 THENCE: 427.77 feet along the arc of a curve to the left,
 2-64 having a radius of 605.16 feet and a chord bearing North 86° 28' 19"
 2-65 West 418.92 feet to a partly demolished concrete right-of-way
 2-66 monument found;

2-67 THENCE: South 72° 53' 48" West 61.32 feet along said North
 2-68 right-of-way line to a concrete right-of-way monument found for the
 2-69 Southeast cut-back corner at the Pin Oak Road intersection;

3-1 THENCE: North 34° 47' 39" West 142.04 feet along the
 3-2 Southeast cut-back line to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the South
 3-3 corner of a 0.080 acre tract of land recorded under 9568797 of the
 3-4 Clerk's File Records of said Fort Bend County, Texas;

3-5 THENCE: North 16° 32' 07" West 284.00 feet along the East
 3-6 line of said 0.080 acre tract to a 1/2-inch iron rod found in the
 3-7 East line of a 0.045 acre tract of land (Tract I) recorded under
 3-8 9509640 of said Clerk's File Records;

3-9 THENCE: North 2° 12' 12" West, at 76.96 feet pass a 1/2-inch
 3-10 iron rod found for the Northeast corner of said 0.045 acre tract,
 3-11 the same being the Southeast corner of a 0.357 (Tract II) acre tract
 3-12 of land recorded under 9509640 of said Clerk's File Records, in all
 3-13 854.65 feet along the East line of said 0.045 acre tract and the
 3-14 East line of said 0.357 acre tract to the POINT OF BEGINNING,
 3-15 containing an area of 85.032 acres of land.

3-16 The bearings recited herein are based on the East right-of-way line
 3-17 of Pin Oak Road running North 2° 12' 12" West.

3-18 SAVE AND EXCEPT:

3-19 A tract of land containing 1.010 acres (44,000 square feet) out of
 3-20 the Jesse Thompson Survey, Abstract No. 393, Fort Bend County,
 3-21 Texas. Said 1.010-acre tract being a portion of an 85.032-acre
 3-22 tract of land conveyed to Omega III Investment Company as recorded
 3-23 under Harris County Clerk's File No. S269724, Film Code No.
 3-24 511-38-2179 of the Official Public Records of Real Property in
 3-25 Harris County, Texas. Said 1.010-acre tract being more
 3-26 particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, with the
 3-27 basis-of-bearings being the east right-of way line of Pin Oak Road
 3-28 (width varies):

3-29 BEGINNING at a 5/8-inch iron rod found in the east
 3-30 right-of-way line of said Pin Oak Road for the southwest corner of a
 3-31 20.000-acre tract of land conveyed to First Baptist Church, Katy,
 3-32 Texas as recorded under Harris County Clerk's File No. P691302,
 3-33 Film Code No. 199-53-1913 of the Official Public Records of Real
 3-34 Property in Harris County, Texas, for a northwest corner of said
 3-35 85.032-acre tract and the northwest corner of the tract herein
 3-36 described;

3-37 THENCE: North 87° 53' 02" East, along the south line of said
 3-38 20.000-acre tract, along a north line of said 85.032-acre tract, a
 3-39 distance of 220.00 feet to a 5/8-inch rod with cap (stamped "Weisser
 3-40 Eng. Houston, Tx") set in the south line of said 20.00-acre tract,
 3-41 in a north line of said 85.032-acre tract for the northeast corner
 3-42 of said tract herein described;

3-43 THENCE: South 02° 12' 12" East, leaving the south line of said
 3-44 20.000-acre tract, leaving a north line of said 85.032-acre tract,
 3-45 parallel to and 220.00 feet east of the east right-of-way line of
 3-46 said Pin Oak Road, a distance of 200.00 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod
 3-47 with cap (stamped "Weisser Eng. Houston, Tx") set for the southeast
 3-48 corner of said tract herein described;

3-49 THENCE: South 87° 53' 02" West, parallel to and 200.00 feet
 3-50 south of a north line of said 85.032-acre tract, a distance of
 3-51 220.00 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod with cap (stamped "Weisser Eng.
 3-52 Houston, Tx") set in the east right-of-way line of said Pin Oak Road
 3-53 for the southwest corner of said tract herein described;

3-54 THENCE: North 02° 12' 12" West, along the east right-of-way
 3-55 line of said Pin Oak Road, a distance of 200.00 feet to the POINT OF
 3-56 BEGINNING and containing 1.010 acres (44,000 square feet) of land.

3-57 SECTION 5. FINDINGS RELATING TO BOUNDARIES. The boundaries
 3-58 and field notes of the district form a closure. A mistake in the
 3-59 field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process
 3-60 does not in any way affect the district's:

- 3-61 (1) organization, existence, or validity;
- 3-62 (2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes
- 3-63 for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and
- 3-64 interest on a bond;
- 3-65 (3) right to impose or collect an assessment or tax; or
- 3-66 (4) legality or operation.

3-67 SECTION 6. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE. (a) The
 3-68 district is created to serve a public use and benefit.

3-69 (b) All land and other property included in the district

4-1 will benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by
4-2 the district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a,
4-3 Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and
4-4 other powers granted under this Act.

4-5 (c) The creation of the district is in the public interest
4-6 and is essential to:

4-7 (1) further the public purposes of the development and
4-8 diversification of the economy of the state;

4-9 (2) eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and

4-10 (3) develop or expand transportation and commerce.

4-11 (d) The district will:

4-12 (1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of
4-13 residents, employers, employees, visitors, and consumers in the
4-14 district and of the public;

4-15 (2) provide needed funding to preserve, maintain, and
4-16 enhance the economic health and vitality of the district as a
4-17 community; and

4-18 (3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment
4-19 of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and
4-20 developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for
4-21 the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty.

4-22 (e) Pedestrian ways along or across a street, whether at
4-23 grade or above or below the surface, and street lighting, street
4-24 landscaping, and street art objects are parts of and necessary
4-25 components of a street and are considered to be a street or road
4-26 improvement.

4-27 (f) The district will not act as the agent or
4-28 instrumentality of any private interest even though the district
4-29 will benefit many private interests as well as the public.

4-30 SECTION 7. FINDINGS RELATED TO REDEVELOPMENT. The
4-31 legislature finds that development or redevelopment in the area in
4-32 the district would not occur solely through private investment in
4-33 the reasonably foreseeable future and that the area in the
4-34 district:

4-35 (1) is unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted;

4-36 (2) substantially arrests and impairs the sound growth
4-37 of the City of Katy because of:

4-38 (A) obsolete platting;

4-39 (B) deterioration of structures or site
4-40 improvements; or

4-41 (C) other factors;

4-42 (3) retards the provision of housing accommodations;

4-43 (4) is an economic and social liability;

4-44 (5) is a menace to the public health, safety, morals,
4-45 and welfare in its present condition and use; and

4-46 (6) is predominantly open.

4-47 SECTION 8. ELIGIBILITY FOR REINVESTMENT ZONES. All or any
4-48 part of the area of the district is eligible, regardless of other
4-49 statutory criteria, to be included in a tax increment reinvestment
4-50 zone created by the City of Katy under Chapter 311, Tax Code.

4-51 SECTION 9. APPLICATION OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 311,
4-52 Government Code (Code Construction Act), applies to this Act.

4-53 SECTION 10. CONSTRUCTION OF ACT. (a) This Act shall be
4-54 liberally construed in conformity with the findings and purposes
4-55 set forth in this Act.

4-56 (b) If any provision of the general law conflicts with this
4-57 Act, this Act prevails.

4-58 SECTION 11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TERMS. The district is
4-59 governed by a board of five directors who serve staggered terms of
4-60 four years.

4-61 SECTION 12. APPOINTMENT. (a) The governing body of the
4-62 City of Katy shall appoint directors to the board.

4-63 (b) Sections 375.063, Local Government Code, and 49.052,
4-64 Water Code, do not apply to directors of the district.

4-65 SECTION 13. VACANCIES. A vacancy on the board shall be
4-66 filled by the remaining directors.

4-67 SECTION 14. POWERS OF DISTRICT. The district has all powers
4-68 and authority provided by the general laws on road districts and
4-69 road utility districts created under Section 52, Article III, Texas

5-1 Constitution, and conservation and reclamation districts and
5-2 municipal management districts created under Section 59, Article
5-3 XVI, Texas Constitution, including:

- 5-4 (1) Chapters 257 and 441, Transportation Code;
- 5-5 (2) Chapter 375, Local Government Code; and
- 5-6 (3) Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code.

5-7 SECTION 15. AGREEMENTS; GRANTS. (a) The district may make
5-8 an agreement with or accept a gift, grant, or loan from any person.

5-9 (b) The implementation of a project is a governmental
5-10 function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791, Government
5-11 Code.

5-12 SECTION 16. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. To protect the
5-13 public interest, the district may contract with a municipality or
5-14 county to provide law enforcement services in the district for a
5-15 fee.

5-16 SECTION 17. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE AD VALOREM TAXES,
5-17 ASSESSMENTS, AND IMPACT FEES. The district may impose an ad valorem
5-18 tax, assessment, or impact fee and use the proceeds of the tax,
5-19 assessment, or impact fee for any district purpose, including the
5-20 payment of debt or other contractual obligations, or the payment of
5-21 maintenance and operating expenses.

5-22 SECTION 18. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a) The
5-23 district must hold an election in the manner provided by Chapters 49
5-24 and 54, Water Code, to obtain voter approval before the district may
5-25 impose a maintenance tax or issue bonds payable from ad valorem
5-26 taxes.

5-27 (b) The board may not include more than one purpose in a
5-28 single proposition at an election.

5-29 SECTION 19. MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) The district may impose
5-30 an annual ad valorem tax on taxable property in the district for any
5-31 district purpose, including to:

- 5-32 (1) maintain and operate the district, including
5-33 improvements constructed or acquired by the district; or
- 5-34 (2) provide a service.

5-35 (b) The board shall determine the tax rate.

5-36 SECTION 20. ASSESSMENTS; PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING
5-37 SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS. (a) The board by resolution may impose
5-38 and collect an assessment for any purpose authorized by this Act.

5-39 (b) The board may not finance a service or improvement
5-40 project through an assessment under this Act unless a written
5-41 petition requesting that service or improvement has been filed with
5-42 the board. The petition must be signed by:

5-43 (1) the owners of a majority of the assessed value of
5-44 real property in the district that will be subject to the assessment
5-45 according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for the
5-46 county in which the property is located; or

5-47 (2) at least 25 owners of real property in the district
5-48 that will be subject to the assessment, if more than 25 persons own
5-49 real property in the district that will be subject to the assessment
5-50 according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for the
5-51 county in which the property is located.

5-52 (c) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment
5-53 resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll
5-54 by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or
5-55 reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's
5-56 fees incurred by the district:

5-57 (1) are a first and prior lien against the property
5-58 assessed;

5-59 (2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than
5-60 a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem
5-61 taxes; and

5-62 (3) are the personal liability of and charge against
5-63 the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the
5-64 assessment proceeding.

5-65 (d) The lien is effective from the date of the board's
5-66 resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is
5-67 paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the
5-68 board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.

5-69 SECTION 21. UTILITIES. The district may not impose an

6-1 impact fee or assessment on the property, including equipment,
6-2 rights-of-way, facilities, or improvements, of:

6-3 (1) an electric utility or a power generation company
6-4 as defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;

6-5 (2) a gas utility as defined by Section 101.003 or
6-6 121.001, Utilities Code;

6-7 (3) a telecommunications provider as defined by
6-8 Section 51.002, Utilities Code; or

6-9 (4) a person who provides to the public cable
6-10 television or advanced telecommunications services.

6-11 SECTION 22. USE AND ALTERATION OF PUBLIC WAYS. Section
6-12 375.093(c), Local Government Code, applies to the district.

6-13 SECTION 23. TAX INCREMENT FINANCING POWERS. (a) Without
6-14 further authorization or procedural requirement and regardless of
6-15 other statutory criteria, the district is a tax increment
6-16 reinvestment zone under Chapter 311, Tax Code.

6-17 (b) The district has all powers provided under Chapter 311,
6-18 Tax Code.

6-19 (c) The district may enter into an interlocal agreement with
6-20 any overlapping taxing unit for the payment of all or a portion of
6-21 the tax increment of the unit to the district. The overlapping
6-22 taxing unit may enter into the agreement.

6-23 (d) The base year value of the district, for tax increment
6-24 financing purposes, is the value as of January 1, 2003, of all
6-25 taxable real property in the district as shown on the certified tax
6-26 rolls of the central appraisal district.

6-27 SECTION 24. OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may issue bonds
6-28 or other obligations payable in whole or in part from ad valorem
6-29 taxes, assessments, impact fees, revenue, grants, or other money of
6-30 the district, or any combination of those sources of money, to pay
6-31 for any authorized purpose of the district.

6-32 (b) In exercising the district's borrowing power, the
6-33 district may issue a bond or other obligation in the form of a bond,
6-34 note, certificate of participation or other instrument evidencing a
6-35 proportionate interest in payments to be made by the district, or
6-36 other type of obligation.

6-37 SECTION 25. INITIAL DIRECTORS. (a) The initial board
6-38 consists of the following persons:

- 6-39 Name of Director
- 6-40 Ricky Burch
- 6-41 Ed Weisner
- 6-42 George Parker
- 6-43 Bruce Skates
- 6-44 Malcolm Beckendorff

6-45 (b) Of the initial directors, the terms of the first three
6-46 directors named in Subsection (a) expire on June 1, 2006, and the
6-47 terms of the last two directors named in Subsection (a) expire on
6-48 June 1, 2004.

6-49 (c) This section expires September 1, 2006.

6-50 SECTION 26. ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The
6-51 legislature finds that:

6-52 (1) proper and legal notice of the intention to
6-53 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
6-54 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
6-55 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
6-56 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished by
6-57 the constitution and laws of this state, including the governor,
6-58 who has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
6-59 Environmental Quality;

6-60 (2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has
6-61 filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,
6-62 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
6-63 within the required time;

6-64 (3) the general law relating to consent by political
6-65 subdivisions to the creation of districts with conservation,
6-66 reclamation, and road powers and the inclusion of land in those
6-67 districts has been complied with; and

6-68 (4) all requirements of the constitution and laws of
6-69 this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with

7-1 respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have
7-2 been fulfilled and accomplished.

7-3 SECTION 27. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
7-4 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
7-5 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
7-6 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
7-7 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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