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1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to use of the money from the Texas Enterprise Fund to
1-12 benefit small businesses.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. The vital importance of small businesses to the
1-15 economy of this state and the well-being of its residents requires
1-16 that it be the policy of this state to encourage the creation and
1-17 location of small businesses in this state and promote
1-18 opportunities for those businesses to prosper.

1-19 SECTION 2. Section 481.078, Government Code, is amended by
1-20 adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

1-21 (k) To encourage the creation, development, and location of
1-22 small businesses in this state, the governor shall consider making
1-23 grants from the fund to recipients that are small businesses in this
1-24 state or that commit to using the grants to create new small
1-25 businesses in this state or relocate small businesses from outside
1-26 the state to this state. For the purposes of this subsection,
1-27 "small business" means a legal entity, including a corporation,
1-28 partnership, or sole proprietorship, that:

1-29 (1) is formed for the purpose of making a profit;

1-30 (2) is independently owned and operated; and

1-31 (3) has fewer than 100 employees.

1-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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