SECOND REGULAR SESSION [P E R F E C T E D]

SENATE BILL NO. 812

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR PARSON.

Read 1st time February 3, 2014, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time February 20, 2014, and referred to the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government.

Reported from the Committee March 27, 2014, with recommendation that the bill do pass.

Taken up for Perfection April 2, 2014. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a department of economic development office in Israel.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 620.3100, to read as follows:

establish an office in Israel for the purpose of promoting strategic partnerships between Israel based companies and Missouri based companies. Such partnerships shall have the express purpose of strengthening and increasing the competitive edge of Missouri companies in the fields of agriculture, bio-technology, and other emerging fields. The staff of the department's office in Israel shall work in conjunction with relevant business and trade organizations throughout Missouri to promote these purposes as well as bi-lateral trade in the region. The requirement for the department of economic development to establish an office in Israel is contingent upon an appropriation for such purpose.