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**S 1097. RURAL TOURISM GRANT/FUNDS.** Filed 3/20/07. APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE RURAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONPROFIT TOURISM-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOURISM PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND JOBS IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE.

Appropriates \$500,000 for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (department) for the Rural Tourism Development Grant Program as title indicates. Directs the department to develop procedures for the administration and distribution of funds using stipulated guidelines. Limits the amount a recipient or project may receive for 2007-08 to \$50,000 and provides that the funds may be used only for the project specified in the application. Funds not used after 24 months revert to the General Fund. Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Snow.

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