

(#112) Congress

(#2) Session

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Bill to spur projects for the Ohio department of Works  
Progress as well as the Rural Electrification  
Administration and ease barriers to entry.

**Be it enacted by this Congress:**

**SECTION I. SHORT TITLE**

This bill may hereafter be referred to as the Ohio Omnibus  
Economic Activity act of 2001.

**SECTION II. FINDINGS.**

This bill has several findings.

- (a) Ohio's unemployment rate reached 5.72% the year before  
last (the statistics for 2000 have not been confirmed but  
it is expected to have gone up).
- (b) With the rising dominance of AmTrak, Ford and Clearwater,  
among other big businesses, the number of small businesses  
in Ohio has dwindled.
- (c) The Ohio department of works progress was established in  
1996 but has not yet received funding.
  - (i) Projects are in line to be overseen by this  
administration

**SECTION III. PURPOSE.**

The goal of this bill is to boost economic activity and  
employment in Ohio.

**SECTION IV. .**

## Department of Works Progress Actions

- (a) The board of directors in the Ohio Department of Works Progress, at the start of every fiscal quarter, shall evaluate Ohio's infrastructural needs.
  - (i) This excludes all electrical lines outside of cities, which are handled by the Ohio rural electrification administration.
- (b) Upon evaluating the state of the state's infrastructure, the board of directors shall relay their findings to developers, who will then relay them to project managers, involving all other necessary parties along the way.
- (c) The Ohio department of works progress shall hire a communications team to contact private contractors about infrastructure initiatives, in order to avoid conflict and overlap between projects.
- (d) The DWP will focus primarily on building new infrastructure on public land.
- (e) The Ohio DWP shall set up one employment office in every district, and shall collaborate with existing employment offices so that they will recommend it as a source of employment if there is a shortage of available workplaces in that city, county or area.
- (f) The Ohio DWP shall begin to advertise employment opportunities on radio, newspapers, magazines, billboards and television.
- (g) The department of works progress may not reject any applications, but may delay applicants from employment who are currently unfit to work until they meet specific, articulated conditions to be able to work.
- (h) The department of works progress will pay a minimum salary of 150% of the minimum wage in Ohio.

## Rural Electrification Administration Expansion

- (i) The Ohio Rural Electrification Administration shall hereby offer grants, materials and PPE to citizens of any

rural or suburban locality without universal IEEE 802.11b standard wireless internet connection who wish to build new electrical lines, cell towers or other electrical infrastructure.

## Business Property Re-Allocation

- (j) The state of Ohio, as well as any locality, hereby reserves the right to terminate land agreements with any enterprise who has not used their allocated land for over 3 months at one time (excluding the time after that land is first acquired). After a contract is terminated, the building that was formerly reserved for the business with whom the state had a contract will be re-allocated in a competitive bidding process between businesses with fewer than 500 employees.

## Market Entry Facilitation

- (a) The state of Ohio shall no longer require licensing nor payments to enter into the following fields:
- (i) Barbering and hairdressing professions.
  - (ii) Auctioning.
  - (iii) Weighing.
  - (iv) Upholstering.
  - (v) Slot supervising.
  - (vi) Residential indoor contracting.
  - (vii) Commercial & residential HVAC, concrete and metal contracting.
  - (viii) Paving.
  - (ix) Painting.
- (b) The state of Ohio shall no longer require payments to enter into the following fields:
- (i) Bus driving.
  - (ii) Truck driving.

- (c) Fishermen and hunters will no longer be required to renew licenses that they have already obtained from the state of Ohio.
- (d) None of the aforementioned clauses apply to local licensing requirements, nor do they attempt to nullify federal licensing requirements.

## Healthcare Expansion

- (e) Employers who oversee factories and mining operations are hereby required to pay for work-related health care for their employees.

### **SECTION V. LEGISLATION EXECUTION.**

The department of works progress, rural electrification administration, department of commerce and department of jobs & family services are responsible for the execution of this bill.

### **SECTION VI. BILL EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This bill shall take effect on April 5, 2001. All laws in conflict with this legislation will then be declared null and void.