

HOUSE BILL 320

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**ENROLLED BILL**  
-- Economic Matters/Finance --

Introduced by **Delegates McHale and T. Murphy**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Enterprise Zones - Expansion**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a political subdivision to apply to the Secretary of  
4 Business and Economic Development for an expansion of an enterprise zone;  
5 providing ~~that for~~ the manner of application ~~and the requirements for the area~~  
6 ~~for the proposed~~ for an expansion of an enterprise zone ~~are the same as the~~  
7 ~~requirements for the designation of a new enterprise zone; requiring that an~~  
8 ~~area meet certain criteria to be included in an expansion of an enterprise zone;~~  
9 ~~authorizing the Secretary to grant an extraordinary expansion of an enterprise~~  
10 ~~zone under certain circumstances; providing that an extraordinary expansion of~~  
11 an enterprise zone does not count towards certain limitations on the number of  
12 enterprise zones that can be designated by the Secretary or received by a county  
13 in a certain period of time; ~~limiting the number of extraordinary expansions that~~  
14 ~~the Secretary may grant in a certain period of time; providing for the effective~~  
15 ~~date of this Act; and generally relating to the expansion of enterprise zones.~~

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

1 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development  
 2 Section 5-402(e)  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

5 BY adding to  
 6 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development  
 7 Section 5-402(i) and (j)  
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 9 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development**

13 5-402.

14 (e) Within 60 days following any submission date, the Secretary may  
 15 designate one or more enterprise zones from among the applications submitted to the  
 16 Secretary on or before that submission date, provided, however, that the Secretary  
 17 may not designate more than 6 enterprise zones in any 12 month period and no  
 18 county may receive more than 1 area designated as an enterprise zone in any  
 19 calendar year. The determination of the Secretary as to the areas designated  
 20 enterprise zones shall be final, except that, for any area not designated an enterprise  
 21 zone, a political subdivision may reapply at any time to the Secretary for designation  
 22 of that area as an enterprise zone.

23 (I) (1) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE  
 24 EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE  
 25 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WOULD APPLY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW  
 26 ENTERPRISE ZONE.

27 (2) THE SECRETARY MAY GRANT AN EXPANSION OF AN ENTERPRISE  
 28 ZONE INTO ANY AREA THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 5-403 OF THIS  
 29 SUBTITLE.

30 (J) (1) THE SECRETARY MAY GRANT AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPANSION OF  
 31 AN ENTERPRISE ZONE INTO ANY AREA THAT:

32 (I) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 5-403 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

33 (II) IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE SECRETARY, HAS SUFFERED A  
 34 SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF ECONOMIC BASE.

35 (3) (2) THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPANSION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE  
 36 MAY NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE LIMITATIONS, PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF  
 37 THIS SECTION, ON THE NUMBER OF ENTERPRISE ZONES THAT THE SECRETARY MAY

1 DESIGNATE IN A 12-MONTH PERIOD OR THAT A COUNTY MAY RECEIVE IN A  
2 CALENDAR YEAR.

3 (3) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT GRANT MORE THAN ONE  
4 EXTRAORDINARY EXPANSION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN  
5 ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 ~~October~~ June 1, 1998.