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A BILL ENTITLED

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 the manner of application and the requirements for the area for
6 the proposed expansion of an enterprise zone are the same as the requirements
7 for the designation of a new enterprise zone; providing that an expansion of an
8 enterprise zone does not count towards certain limitations on the number of
9 enterprise zones that can be designated by the Secretary or received by a county
10 in a certain period of time; and generally relating to the expansion of enterprise
11 zones.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
14 Section 5-402(e)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
19 Section 5-402(i)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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

25 5-402.

26 (e) Within 60 days following any submission date, the Secretary may
27 designate one or more enterprise zones from among the applications submitted to the
28 Secretary on or before that submission date, provided, however, that the Secretary

1 may not designate more than 6 enterprise zones in any 12 month period and no
2 county may receive more than 1 area designated as an enterprise zone in any
3 calendar year. The determination of the Secretary as to the areas designated
4 enterprise zones shall be final, except that, for any area not designated an enterprise
5 zone, a political subdivision may reapply at any time to the Secretary for designation
6 of that area as an enterprise zone.

7 (I) (1) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE
8 EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE
9 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WOULD APPLY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW
10 ENTERPRISE ZONE.

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

14 (3) THE EXPANSION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE MAY NOT COUNT
15 TOWARDS THE LIMITATIONS, PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION,
16 ON THE NUMBER OF ENTERPRISE ZONES THAT THE SECRETARY MAY DESIGNATE IN
17 A 12-MONTH PERIOD OR THAT A COUNTY MAY RECEIVE IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 1998.