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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,
17 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
18 Section 5-402(e)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
23 Section 5-402(i) and (j)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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

4 5-402.

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

14 (I) (1) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE
15 EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE
16 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WOULD APPLY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW
17 ENTERPRISE ZONE.

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

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

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

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

26 (3) (2) THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPANSION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE
27 MAY NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE LIMITATIONS, PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF
28 THIS SECTION, ON THE NUMBER OF ENTERPRISE ZONES THAT THE SECRETARY MAY
29 DESIGNATE IN A 12-MONTH PERIOD OR THAT A COUNTY MAY RECEIVE IN A
30 CALENDAR YEAR.

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

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

