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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 expansion of an enterprise zone are the same as the~~
7 ~~requirements for the designation of a new enterprise zone~~ for an expansion of an
8 enterprise zone; requiring that an area meet certain criteria to be included in an
9 expansion of an enterprise zone; authorizing the Secretary to grant an
10 extraordinary expansion of an enterprise zone under certain circumstances;
11 providing that an extraordinary expansion of an enterprise zone does not count
12 towards certain limitations on the number of enterprise zones that can be
13 designated by the Secretary or received by a county in a certain period of time;
14 limiting the number of extraordinary expansions that the Secretary may grant
15 in a certain period of time; authorizing the Secretary to adopt regulations to
16 implement this Act; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally
17 relating to the expansion of enterprise zones.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
20 Section 5-402(e)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
25 Section 5-402(i) and (j)

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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

6 5-402.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Business
37 and Economic Development may adopt regulations to implement the provisions of
38 this Act.

1 SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect ~~October~~ June 1, 1998.