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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENTERPRISE ZONE

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, and Lynch

Date Introduced: January 18, 2012

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 42-64.3-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64.3 entitled  
2 "Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:  
3           **42-64.3-5. Criteria for enterprise zone designation.** -- (a) The zone shall consist of not  
4 more than five (5) contiguous United States census tracts or portions thereof as set forth in the  
5 most recent federal census, except that the council may add Block 101 of Census Tract 135 in the  
6 City of Cranston to any enterprise zone abutting that Block; provided, that the addition is  
7 approved by the city councils of Cranston and Providence; except that blocks 108, 110, and 111  
8 of Federal Census tract 8 of the Providence II Enterprise Zone shall not be eligible for any  
9 enterprise zone benefits, and as a replacement of those, the Council may add blocks 318, 319, and  
10 307 of census tract 37 and block 104 of census tract 9, and blocks 105, 107 and 120 of census  
11 tract 12, to the Providence II Enterprise Zone, provided that such addition is approved by the city  
12 council of Providence; and, that portion of federal census tract 114.03 in the town of Cumberland  
13 which includes any portion of the Highland II Corporate Park as approved by the Cumberland  
14 town council and the Woonsocket city council; and, that portion of the federal census tract 173 in  
15 the city of Woonsocket which includes the Singleton Street Mill District as approved by the  
16 Woonsocket City Council, and federal census tract 114.02 in the town of Cumberland; except that  
17 the council may add blocks 103, 104, 119, and 131, as well as census block group 3 of census  
18 tract 308, may add census block groups 2 and 3 of census tract 309.01, and may delete census  
19 block 2 of census tract 309.02 to the Mount Hope enterprise zone and those portions of federal

1 census tracts 113.01 and 114.03 that constitute the Ashton/Berkeley Mill Village area; except that  
2 the council may add Census Tract 180 in the city of Woonsocket to the Woonsocket/Cumberland  
3 Enterprise Zone as approved by the Woonsocket city council; except that the council may add  
4 federal census tract 141 in the City of Cranston which includes the site of the former Narragansett  
5 Brewery, as approved by the Cranston City Council and except that the council shall add the  
6 census blocks that are along the following streets, to the Providence II Enterprise Zone  
7 designation: Hartford Avenue from census tract 19 to the Johnston town line, Plainfield Street  
8 from census tract 19 to the Johnston town line, and Pocasset Avenue from census tract 19 to the  
9 Cranston city line, and further excepting that the council may add block group 1 of census tract  
10 401.02 and delete block groups 1 and 2 of census tract 401.01 in the town of Portsmouth, as  
11 approved by the Portsmouth town council; except that the council shall add block groups 1, 2, and  
12 3 of federal census tract 136 and block groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 of federal census tract 137.01 and  
13 block groups 1 and 2 of federal census tract 138 in the city of Cranston, as approved by the  
14 Cranston city council; and except that the council may add block group 2 of federal census tract  
15 107.01 in the city of East Providence, as approved by the East Providence city council; and  
16 except that the council may add blocks 1069, 1070 and 1072 of federal census tract 506 in the  
17 town of Richmond, as approved by the Richmond town council; and except that the council may  
18 add block groups 1 and 2 of federal census tract 405 in the city of Newport, as approved by the  
19 Newport city council; and except that the council may add blocks 20400.1, 20400.2, and 20400.3  
20 of federal census tract 204, as approved by the West Warwick town council; and except that the  
21 council may add census tracts 402, 403.03, 403.04, and blocks 2025, 2026, 2030 in tract 404 in  
22 the town of Middletown, as approved by the Middletown town council; and except that the  
23 council may add the Pontiac mills site in the city of Warwick, as approved by the Warwick city  
24 council.

25 (b) The council shall promulgate any additional criteria for the designation of an  
26 enterprise zone that the council deems appropriate. Additional criteria shall include but not be  
27 limited to:

28 (1) The poverty level within the enterprise zone as defined by the federal office of  
29 management and budget, or the percent of households receiving public assistance; and

30 (2) The unemployment level within the enterprise zone.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would designate the Pontiac Mills site in the city of Warwick as an enterprise

2 zone.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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