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BENNINGHOFF, AUGUST 5, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, AUGUST 5, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 6, 1998 (P.L.705, No.92), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing for the creation of keystone
3 opportunity zones and keystone opportunity expansion zones to
4 foster economic opportunities in this Commonwealth, to
5 facilitate economic development, stimulate industrial,
6 commercial and residential improvements and prevent physical
7 and infrastructure deterioration of geographic areas within
8 this Commonwealth; authorizing expenditures; providing tax
9 exemptions, tax deductions, tax abatements and tax credits;
10 creating additional obligations of the Commonwealth and local
11 governmental units; and prescribing powers and duties of
12 certain State and local departments, agencies and officials,"
13 providing for keystone opportunity expansion zones for job
14 creation; and imposing duties on the Department of Community
15 and Economic Development.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. The act of October 6, 1998 (P.L.705, No.92),
19 known as the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity
20 Expansion Zone and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act, is
21 amended by adding a section to read:

22 Section 301.8. Keystone opportunity expansion zones for job
23 creation.

1 (a) Establishment.--In addition to any designations under
2 section 301.1, the department may designate up to ten additional
3 keystone opportunity expansion zones that will create new jobs
4 in accordance with this section. Each additional keystone
5 opportunity expansion zone shall:

6 (1) Not be less than ten acres in size unless contiguous
7 to an existing zone.

8 (2) Not exceed in the aggregate a total of 400 acres.

9 (3) Be comprised of parcels that are deteriorated,
10 underutilized or unoccupied on the effective date of this
11 section.

12 (b) Authorization.--A person or business within a keystone
13 opportunity expansion zone authorized under subsection (a) shall
14 be entitled to the tax exemptions, deductions, abatements or
15 credits set forth under this act, exemptions for sales and use
16 tax under section 511(a) or 705(a), for a period of no more than
17 ten years and no less than five years. For a keystone
18 opportunity expansion zone that will create new jobs and is
19 established under subsection (a), the authorized period shall
20 begin on July 1, 2015. An exemption for sales and use taxes
21 under sections 511 and 705 shall commence upon designation of
22 the zone by the department.

23 (c) Application and review.--In order to receive a
24 designation under subsection (a), the department must receive an
25 application from a political subdivision or its designee no
26 later than March 1, 2015. The application must contain the
27 information required under section 302(a)(1), (2)(i) and (ix)
28 and (6). The application must include the ordinances,
29 resolutions or other required action adopted by the political
30 subdivisions in which the keystone opportunity expansion zone is

1 located. The department, in consultation with the Department of
2 Revenue, shall review the application and, if approved, issue a
3 certification of the tax exemptions, deductions, abatements or
4 credits under this act for the keystone opportunity expansion
5 zone within three months of receipt of the application. The
6 department shall act on an application for a designation under
7 section 304(a)(10) by June 30, 2015. The department may make a
8 designation under this section on a rolling basis during the
9 application period.

10 (d) Notice.--Upon designation under this section, the
11 department shall immediately notify a political subdivision
12 located within the area designated.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.