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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DISTRESSED AREAS
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, and Lynch

Date Introduced: January 13, 2016

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

1 block 2 of census tract 309.02 to the Mount Hope enterprise zone and those portions of federal
2 census tracts 113.01 and 114.03 that constitute the Ashton/Berkeley Mill Village area; except that
3 the council may add Census Tract 180 in the city of Woonsocket to the Woonsocket/Cumberland
4 Enterprise Zone as approved by the Woonsocket city council; except that the council may add
5 federal census tract 141 in the City of Cranston which includes the site of the former Narragansett
6 Brewery, as approved by the Cranston City Council and except that the council shall add the
7 census blocks that are along the following streets, to the Providence II Enterprise Zone
8 designation: Hartford Avenue from census tract 19 to the Johnston town line, Plainfield Street
9 from census tract 19 to the Johnston town line, and Pocasset Avenue from census tract 19 to the
10 Cranston city line, and further excepting that the council may add block group 1 of census tract
11 401.02 and delete block groups 1 and 2 of census tract 401.01 in the town of Portsmouth, as
12 approved by the Portsmouth town council; except that the council shall add block groups 1, 2, and
13 3 of federal census tract 136 and block groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 of federal census tract 137.01 and
14 block groups 1 and 2 of federal census tract 138 in the city of Cranston, as approved by the
15 Cranston city council; and except that the council may add block group 2 of federal census tract
16 107.01 in the city of East Providence, as approved by the East Providence city council; and
17 except that the council may add blocks 1069, 1070 and 1072 of federal census tract 506 in the
18 town of Richmond, as approved by the Richmond town council; and except that the council may
19 add block groups 1 and 2 of federal census tract 405 in the city of Newport, as approved by the
20 Newport city council; and except that the council may add blocks 20400.1, 20400.2, and 20400.3
21 of federal census tract 204, as approved by the West Warwick town council; and except that the
22 council may add federal census tracts 402, 403.02, 403.03, 403.04, and block groups 2 and 3 in
23 federal census tract 404 in the town of Middletown, as approved by the Middletown town
24 council; and except that the council may add federal census tracts 153 and 154 in the city of
25 Pawtucket, as approved by the Pawtucket city council; and except that the council may add
26 federal census block group 2 of census tract 401.01 in the town of Portsmouth as approved by the
27 Portsmouth town council; and except that the council may add that portion of block 4018 of
28 federal census tract 223, that constitutes the Pontiac Mills site located along the Pawtuxet River in
29 the city of Warwick, as approved by the Warwick city council.

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

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would permit the Pontiac Mills site in Warwick to be approved as an enterprise
- 2 zone.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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