

CHAPTER 173**(House Bill 399)**

AN ACT concerning

Business and Economic Development - Enterprise Zones - Expansion

FOR the purpose of amending the provisions of the enterprise zones program to provide that certain expansions of existing zones may not count towards the maximum number of enterprise zones to be designated during certain periods; modifying the period during which a certain number of enterprise zones may be designated; and generally relating to the enterprise zones program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

Section 5-402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

5-402.

(a) Any political subdivision may apply to the Secretary for designation of an area within that political subdivision as an enterprise zone, but if a county seeks to designate an area within a municipal corporation as an enterprise zone, then the governing body of the municipal corporation must first consent.

(b) Any county may apply to the Secretary on behalf of a municipal corporation, with the consent of such municipal corporation, for designation of any area within that municipal corporation as an enterprise zone.

(c) Two or more political subdivisions may apply jointly to the Secretary for designation of an area as an enterprise zone which may be located astride their common boundaries.

(d) The application shall be in the form and manner and contain such information as the Secretary may, by regulation, determine, provided that the application shall:

(1) Contain information sufficient for the Secretary to determine if the criteria established in § 5-403 have been met;

(2) Be submitted on behalf of the political subdivision by its chief elected officer, or, if none, by the governing body of the political subdivision;