

BY adding to

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

Section 5-402(i) and (j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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5-402.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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