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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to enterprise zones; authorizing certain counties to apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to amend existing enterprise zones under specified conditions and in accordance with certain criteria; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of s. 290.0055, Florida Statutes, regarding the size of an enterprise zone, a county as defined in s. 125.011(1), Florida Statutes, may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development before October 1, 2003, to amend the boundary lines of its existing enterprise zone in order to add an area not exceeding 5 square miles. The area proposed for addition to the enterprise zone under this section must be contiguous to a portion of the existing enterprise zone and must be part of a revitalization area that has been targeted for assistance by the county. The area proposed for addition to the enterprise zone also must contain a zoo and the county must have previously completed a master plan for development of the area. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall approve an amendment to the enterprise zone boundary lines, effective January 1, 2004, provided that the area proposed for addition to the enterprise zone is consistent with the criteria and conditions imposed by s. 290.0055, Florida Statutes, for the establishment of enterprise zones, including the requirement that the area suffer from pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.