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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to enterprise zones; amending
 3 s. 290.00699, F.S.; authorizing Hillsborough
 4 County to apply to the Office of Tourism,
 5 Trade, and Economic Development to amend the
 6 boundary of its enterprise zone; authorizing
 7 the office to approve the amendment to the
 8 boundary lines of the enterprise zone under
 9 certain conditions; authorizing the City of
 10 Tampa to apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade,
 11 and Economic Development to amend the boundary
 12 of its enterprise zone; providing an effective
 13 date.
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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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 17 Section 1. Section 290.00699, Florida Statutes, is
 18 amended to read:
 19 290.00699 Enterprise zone designation for Hillsborough
 20 County.--
 21 (1) Hillsborough County may apply to the Office of
 22 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of
 23 one enterprise zone within the county, which zone encompasses
 24 a high-crime, low-income, high-unemployment area that is north
 25 of Fowler Avenue, south of Bearss Avenue, east of Florida
 26 Avenue, west of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, near the University
 27 of South Florida, adjacent to University Square Mall, north of
 28 a major theme park, an area that has been designated a federal
 29 Weed & Seed target area, and a Community Development Block
 30 Grant (CDBG) target area and that houses an active
 31 public/private s. 501(c)(3) community development corporation

1 working to improve the area. The application must be submitted
2 by December 31, 2002, and must comply with the requirements of
3 s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065,
4 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and
5 the number of enterprise zones within a population category,
6 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may
7 designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office
8 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish
9 the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated
10 under this section.

11 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
12 Hillsborough County may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade,
13 and Economic Development to amend the boundary of its existing
14 enterprise zone (EZ-2902). The area proposed for addition to
15 the enterprise zone must not increase the overall size of the
16 enterprise zone by more than 65.907 acres or 0.1 square miles.
17 The boundary expansion area must be contiguous to the existing
18 enterprise zone and consistent with the limitations imposed by
19 s. 290.0055(4). The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
20 Development may approve an amendment to the enterprise zone
21 boundary lines if the application is submitted before December
22 31, 2005, and meets the requirements of this subsection.
23 Before December 31, 2005, the governing body of a county in
24 which an enterprise zone designated under this section is
25 located may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
26 Economic Development to amend the boundaries of its existing
27 enterprise zone for the purpose of including sections of
28 eligible census tracts which require an interlocal agreement
29 with an adjoining municipality.

30 Section 2. By December 31, 2005, the City of Tampa may
31 apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic

1 Development to amend the boundaries of its enterprise zone for
2 the purpose of adding certain eligible areas to the Tampa
3 Enterprise Zone (EZ-2901). The Office of Tourism, Trade, and
4 Economic Development shall approve the boundary amendment
5 application if the boundary amendment is consistent with the
6 criteria and conditions imposed by section 290.0055, Florida
7 Statutes, concerning the expansion of an enterprise zone,
8 including the requirement that the area suffers from pervasive
9 poverty, unemployment, and general distress.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Authorizes Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa to
16 amend the boundaries of their enterprise zones if
17 approved by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
Development. Provides requirements for the amendment to
the enterprise zone.

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