

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to enterprise zones; creating  
3           s. 290.00710, F.S.; authorizing the City of  
4           Lakeland to apply to the Office of Tourism,  
5           Trade, and Economic Development for designation  
6           of an enterprise zone; providing requirements;  
7           requiring the office to establish an effective  
8           date for the designated enterprise zone;  
9           creating s. 290.0073, F.S.; authorizing Indian  
10          River County, the City of Vero Beach, and the  
11          City of Sebastian to jointly apply to the  
12          Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
13          Development for designation of an enterprise  
14          zone in Indian River County; providing  
15          requirements with respect thereto; requiring  
16          the office to establish the initial effective  
17          date of the enterprise zone; creating s.  
18          290.0074, F.S.; authorizing Sumter County to  
19          apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
20          Economic Development for designation of an  
21          enterprise zone; providing requirements;  
22          requiring the office to establish an effective  
23          date for the designated enterprise zone;  
24          creating s. 290.0077, F.S.; authorizing Orange  
25          County and the municipality of Apopka to  
26          jointly apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
27          and Economic Development for designation of an  
28          enterprise zone; providing requirements;  
29          requiring the office to establish the initial  
30          effective date of the enterprise zone;  
31          requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis

1 and Government Accountability to conduct a  
2 study of rural enterprise zone issues;  
3 providing an effective date.  
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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7 Section 1. Section 290.00710, Florida Statutes, is  
8 created to read:

9 290.00710 Enterprise zone designation for the City of  
10 Lakeland.--The City of Lakeland may apply to the Office of  
11 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
12 one enterprise zone for an area within the City of Lakeland,  
13 which zone shall encompass an area up to 10 square miles. The  
14 application must be submitted by December 31, 2005, and must  
15 comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding  
16 s. 290.0065, limiting the total number of enterprise zones  
17 designated and the number of enterprise zones within a  
18 population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
19 Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under  
20 this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
21 Development shall establish the initial effective date of the  
22 enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

23 Section 2. Section 290.0073, Florida Statutes, is  
24 created to read:

25 290.0073 Enterprise zone designation for Indian River  
26 County, the City of Vero Beach, and the City of  
27 Sebastian.--Indian River County, the City of Vero Beach, and  
28 the City of Sebastian may jointly apply to the Office of  
29 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
30 one enterprise zone encompassing an area not to exceed 10  
31 square miles. The application must be submitted by December

1 31, 2005, and must comply with the requirements of s.  
2 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065  
3 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and  
4 the number of enterprise zones within a population category,  
5 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may  
6 designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office  
7 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish  
8 the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated  
9 pursuant to this section.

10 Section 3. Section 290.0074, Florida Statutes, is  
11 created to read:

12 290.0074 Enterprise zone designation for Sumter  
13 County.--Sumter County may apply to the Office of Tourism,  
14 Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one  
15 enterprise zone encompassing an area not to exceed 10 square  
16 miles. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2005.  
17 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the  
18 total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of  
19 enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of  
20 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one  
21 enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism,  
22 Trade and Economic Development shall establish the initial  
23 effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to  
24 this section.

25 Section 4. Section 290.0077, Florida Statutes, is  
26 created to read:

27 290.0077 Enterprise zone designation for Orange County  
28 and the municipality of Apopka.--Orange County and the  
29 municipality of Apopka may jointly apply to the Office of  
30 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of  
31 one enterprise zone. The application must be submitted by

1 December 31, 2005, and must comply with the requirements of s.  
2 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065  
3 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and  
4 the number of enterprise zones within a population category,  
5 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may  
6 designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office  
7 of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish  
8 the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated  
9 pursuant to this section.

10       Section 5. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
11 Government Accountability shall conduct an evaluation of the  
12 tax incentives available to rural enterprise zones and the  
13 effectiveness of rural enterprise zones in creating jobs. In  
14 particular, the evaluation must consider whether existing tax  
15 and other financial incentives available under the Enterprise  
16 Zone Act are appropriate for businesses located in rural  
17 enterprise zones and whether incentives such as the transfer  
18 of unused tax credits would enhance the effectiveness of rural  
19 enterprise zones. The evaluation shall include an estimation  
20 of the costs of new tax incentives. The evaluation shall also  
21 identify obstacles faced by rural enterprise zones and  
22 recommend possible solutions. The Office of Program Policy  
23 Analysis and Government Accountability shall conduct its  
24 evaluation and make a report containing its findings and  
25 recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2005.

26       Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.  
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