

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to rural enterprise zones; requiring the
3 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to
4 designate certain rural catalyst sites as rural enterprise
5 zones upon request of a host county; specifying request
6 requirements; specifying effect of designation; specifying
7 reporting requirements for rural catalyst sites designated
8 as a rural enterprise zone; authorizing host county
9 development authorities to enter into memoranda of
10 agreement for certain purposes; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 290.0065(1), Florida
16 Statutes, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
17 Development, upon request of the host county, shall designate as
18 a rural enterprise zone any catalyst site as defined in s.
19 288.0656(2)(b), Florida Statutes, that was approved prior to
20 January 1, 2010, and that is not located in an existing rural
21 enterprise zone. The request from the host county must include
22 the legal description of the catalyst site and the name and
23 contact information for the county development authority
24 responsible for managing the catalyst site. The designation
25 shall provide businesses locating within the catalyst site the
26 same eligibility for economic incentives and other benefits of a
27 rural enterprise zone designated under s. 290.0065, Florida
28 Statutes. The reporting criteria for a catalyst site designated

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29 as a rural enterprise zone under this section are the same as
30 for other rural enterprise zones. Host county development
31 authorities may enter into memoranda of agreement, as necessary,
32 to coordinate their efforts to implement this section.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.