

CHAPTER 2010-108

Council Substitute for House Bill No. 843

An act relating to rural enterprise zones; requiring the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to designate certain rural catalyst sites as rural enterprise zones upon request of a host county; specifying request requirements; specifying effect of designation; specifying reporting requirements for rural catalyst sites designated as a rural enterprise zone; authorizing host county development authorities to enter into memoranda of agreement for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 290.0065(1), Florida Statutes, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, upon request of the host county, shall designate as a rural enterprise zone any catalyst site as defined in s. 288.0656(2)(b), Florida Statutes, that was approved prior to January 1, 2010, and that is not located in an existing rural enterprise zone. The request from the host county must include the legal description of the catalyst site and the name and contact information for the county development authority responsible for managing the catalyst site. The designation shall provide businesses locating within the catalyst site the same eligibility for economic incentives and other benefits of a rural enterprise zone designated under s. 290.0065, Florida Statutes. The reporting criteria for a catalyst site designated as a rural enterprise zone under this section are the same as for other rural enterprise zones. Host county development authorities may enter into memoranda of agreement, as necessary, to coordinate their efforts to implement this section.

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

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2010.

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