## **CHAPTER 99-320**

## Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1510

An act relating to enterprise zones; amending s. 290.0067, F.S.; providing that the enterprise zone authorized for communities impacted by Lake Apopka land acquisition need not meet certain criteria relating to pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress: creating s. 290,0069. F.S.: authorizing the Office of Tourism. Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone in Liberty County; providing requirements with respect thereto: authorizing the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone in Columbia County: providing requirements with respect thereto: authorizing the Office of Tourism. Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone in Suwannee County; providing requirements with respect thereto: providing an extended application period for certain businesses to claim tax incentives: authorizing the Office of Tourism. Trade, and Economic Development to designate an enterprise zone in Gadsden County; providing requirements with respect thereto; authorizing municipalities to designate satellite enterprise zones: providing conditions under which a local government may amend the boundaries of an enterprise zone that contains a brownfield pilot program; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 290.0067, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

290.0067 Enterprise zone designation for communities impacted by Lake Apopka land acquisition.—Orange County and the municipality of Apopka may jointly apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone encompassing areas suffering adverse economic impacts due to governmental acquisition of Lake Apopka farmlands pursuant to s. 373.461. The application must be submitted by December 31, 1998, and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055, except s. 290.0055(3) and (4)(d). Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section based upon when unemployment will occur due to the cessation of farming on lands acquired pursuant to s. 373.461. The zone shall terminate 5 years following the established effective date.

Section 2. Section 290.0069, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

290.0069 Enterprise zone designation for Liberty County.—Liberty County may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone within an area in Liberty County that is south of the border between Liberty and Gadsden Counties, south of

Highway 12, east of Highway 271, and north of Highway 20. The application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and must comply with the requirements of s. 290.0055. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 290.0065 limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

Section 3. Columbia County, or Columbia County and the municipality of Lake City jointly, may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county, or within both the county and the municipality. In identifying the area to be nominated for designation as an enterprise zone, Columbia County, or Columbia County and the municipality of Lake City jointly, shall seek to maximize the strategic economic development advantages resulting from the intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 10 within Columbia County. The application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and must comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

Suwannee County, or Suwannee County and the municipality of Live Oak jointly, may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county, or within both the county and the municipality. In identifying the area to be nominated for designation as an enterprise zone, Suwannee County, or Suwannee County and the municipality of Live Oak jointly, shall seek to maximize the strategic economic development advantages resulting from the intersection of Interstate 75 and Interstate 10. The application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and must comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

Section 5. Notwithstanding the time limitations contained in chapters 212 and 220, Florida Statutes, relating to enterprise zone tax incentives, a business that was purchased in February 1992 within an area of Tampa that received a designation as an enterprise zone under section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 1995, and that was eligible to receive enterprise zone tax incentives from July 1, 1995, to July 1, 1998, must submit an

application for the tax incentives by December 1, 1999. All other requirements of the enterprise zone program apply to such a business.

Section 6. Gadsden County may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of one enterprise zone encompassing an area within the county. The application must be submitted by December 31, 1999, and must comply with the requirements of section 290.0055, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 290.0065, Florida Statutes, limiting the total number of enterprise zones designated and the number of enterprise zones within a population category, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may designate one enterprise zone under this section. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall establish the initial effective date of the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this section.

Section 7. Before December 31, 1999, any municipality an area of which has previously received designation as an Enterprise Zone in the population category described in section 290.0065(3)(a)3., Florida Statutes, may create a satellite enterprise zone not exceeding 1.5 square miles in area outside of and, notwithstanding anything contained in section 290.0055(4), Florida Statutes, or any other law, in addition to the previously designated enterprise zone boundaries. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall amend the boundaries of the areas previously designated by any such municipality as enterprise zones upon receipt of a resolution adopted by the municipality describing the satellite enterprise zone areas, as long as the additional areas are consistent with the categories, criteria, and limitations imposed by section 290.0055, Florida Statutes. However, the requirements imposed by section 290.0055(4)(d), Florida Statutes, do not apply to such satellite enterprise zone areas.

Section 8. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality or a county containing a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency brownfield pilot project that was designated as of May 1, 1997, may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development before December 31, 1999, to amend the boundaries of an enterprise zone designated in a municipality or a county containing such brownfield pilot project. The office shall approve the application to amend the boundaries of the enterprise zone if the added area does not increase the overall size of the expanded zone more than its original size or 20 square miles, whichever is larger.

Section 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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