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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to enterprise zones; amending 3 s. 290.0065, F.S.; permitting a county to apply 4 to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic 5 Development by a certain date for an expansion 6 of an existing enterprise zone; requiring that 7 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development approve an amendment to the 8 9 boundary of an enterprise zone by a specified date if certain conditions exist; providing an 10 effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section 15 16 290.0065, Florida Statutes, to read: 290.0065 State designation of enterprise zones.--17 (12) Notwithstanding any provisions in s. 290.0055 18 19 regarding the size of an enterprise zone, any county defined 20 by s. 125.011(1) may apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, 21 and Economic Development by October 1, 2004, to expand the 22 boundary of an existing enterprise zone to include an additional 8.7 square miles. The area must also include areas 23 to the north or east of the northeasternmost section of an 24 25 existing enterprise zone. The expanded area may not include 26 any area not described in this subsection. The Office of 27 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall approve an 28 amendment to the boundary of an enterprise zone under this 29 subsection by January 1, 2005, if the area proposed for 30 addition to the enterprise zone is consistent with the criteria and conditions imposed by s. 290.0055 upon the

establishment of enterprise zones, including the requirement that the area suffer from pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. SENATE SUMMARY Permits a county to apply with the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for an expansion of an existing enterprise zone by a certain date. Requires that the office approve the amendment to the boundary by a certain date if the area proposed for expansion suffers from poverty, unemployment, and distress.