By the Committee on Finance and Tax; and Senator Sobel

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to enterprise zones; creating s. 290.0078, F.S.; authorizing the cities of Hollywood, Hallandale Beach, Pembroke Park, and West Park to jointly apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for designation of a single enterprise zone; providing an application deadline; providing requirements for the area of the enterprise zone; requiring the office to establish the effective date of the enterprise zone; providing for the creation of the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program by Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development; providing powers and duties of the office relating to the pilot program; providing for the designation of a pilot program community and providing guidelines and requirements for the conduct of the program within the community; providing for reports by the office; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 290.0078, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

290.0078 Joint enterprise zone designation for the City of Hollywood, the City of Hallandale Beach, the City of Pembroke

Park, and the City of West Park.—The City of Hollywood, the City of Hallandale Beach, the City of Pembroke Park, and the City of West Park may jointly apply to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and

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encompassing an area not to exceed 20 square miles. The application must be submitted by December 31, 2009, 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 a single 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. However, the state incentives identified in s. 290.007 are not available within the enterprise zone authorized by this section until July 1, 2012.

Section 2. (1) (a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, within the Executive Office of the Governor, shall create the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program to develop a model to help communities encourage and attain renewable electric energy generation, the manufacture of products that contribute to energy conservation, green jobs, and energy-efficient land development designs. The office shall consult with the state land planning agency and the Florida Energy and Climate Commission in developing and administering the pilot program.

(b) Sarasota County and Broward County may apply to the office for designation as the pilot program community. The governing board of the pilot program community shall adopt a strategic plan for development and redevelopment in the energy economic zone. The plan must include multimodal development and land use patterns to reduce reliance on automobiles, encourage

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certified green building developments and renewable energy systems, encourage demonstrations of creating green jobs, and show indications of how local financial and regulatory incentives will be used in the energy economic zone area.

- (c) The office shall provide the pilot program community and businesses in the energy economic zone technical assistance in identifying and qualifying for eligible grants and credits in job creation, energy, and other areas.
- (2) (a) The office shall submit an interim report by February. 15, 2010, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the status of the pilot program and any recommendations for statutory changes to accomplish the goals of the pilot program community, including whether it would be beneficial to provide financial incentives similar to those offered an enterprise zone.
- (b) The office shall submit a final report to the same officers by February 15, 2012, evaluating whether the pilot program has demonstrated any success in development and redevelopment in the energy economic zone incorporating renewable energy generation systems, low-impact design, and energy-efficient land use patterns, and shall recommend whether the program should be expanded for use by other local governments and whether state policies should be revised to encourage the goals of the program.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.