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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 655/4

from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 604

Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. Provides that any parcel of property used for an ethanol plant is qualified to become an enterprise zone regardless of whether that parcel is located in an area that otherwise fails to qualify to be an enterprise zone. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning State government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Enterprise Zone Act is amended by
changing Section 4 as follows:

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(20 ILCS 655/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 604)

Sec. 4. Qualifications for Enterprise Zones.

8 (1) Except as provided in subsection (1.5), an An area is
9 qualified to become an enterprise zone which:

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(a) is a contiguous area, provided that a zone area may exclude wholly surrounded territory within its boundaries;

(b) comprises a minimum of one-half square mile and not 12 more than 12 square miles, or 15 square miles if the zone 13 14 is located within the jurisdiction of 4 or more counties or 15 municipalities, in total area, exclusive of lakes and waterways; however, in such cases where the enterprise zone 16 17 is a joint effort of three or more units of government, or 18 two or more units of government if situated in a township 19 which is divided by a municipality of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, and where the certification has been in effect 20 at least one year, the total area shall comprise a minimum 21 of one-half square mile and not more than thirteen square 22 miles in total area exclusive of lakes and waterways; 23

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(c) is a depressed area;

(d) satisfies any additional criteria established by
regulation of the Department consistent with the purposes
of this Act; and

(e) is (1) entirely within a municipality or (2)
entirely within the unincorporated areas of a county,
except where reasonable need is established for such zone
to cover portions of more than one municipality or county
or (3) both comprises (i) all or part of a municipality and

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1 (ii) an unincorporated area of a county. 2 (1.5) Any parcel of property used for an ethanol plant is 3 qualified to become an enterprise zone regardless of whether that parcel is located in an area that otherwise fails to meet 4 5 the requirements under subsection (1). For the purpose of this Section, "ethanol plant" means any building or other 6 7 improvement on or to land and any personal properties deemed necessary or suitable for use, whether or not now in existence, 8 9 in the processing of ethanol.

10 (2) Any criteria established by the Department or by law 11 which utilize the rate of unemployment for a particular area 12 shall provide that all persons who are not presently employed 13 and have exhausted all unemployment benefits shall be 14 considered unemployed, whether or not such persons are actively 15 seeking employment.

16 (Source: P.A. 86-803.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect uponbecoming law.