

HB4069



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 115/10-2
65 ILCS 115/10-5.3

Amends the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Act. Provides that, on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Department may certify an additional pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the City of Rock Island. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The River Edge Redevelopment Zone Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 10-2 and 10-5.3 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 115/10-2)

7 Sec. 10-2. Findings. The General Assembly finds and
8 declares that those municipalities adjacent to or surrounding
9 river areas often lack critical tools to safely revive and
10 redevelop environmentally-challenged properties that will
11 stimulate economic revitalization and create jobs in Illinois.
12 Environmentally-challenged properties adjacent to or
13 surrounding Illinois rivers are a threat to the health, safety,
14 and welfare of the people of this State. Many of these
15 environmentally-challenged properties adjacent to or
16 surrounding rivers were former industrial areas that now,
17 subject to appropriate environmental clean-up and remediation,
18 would be ideal for office, residential, retail, hospitality,
19 commercial, recreational, warehouse and distribution, and
20 other economically productive uses. The cost of the cleaning
21 and remediation of these environmentally-challenged properties
22 is often the primary obstacle to returning these properties to
23 a safe and economically productive use.

1 Cooperative and continuous partnership among the State,
2 through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and
3 the Environmental Protection Agency, municipalities adjacent
4 to or surrounding rivers, and the private sector is necessary
5 to appropriately encourage the cost-effective cleaning and
6 remediation of these environmentally-challenged properties in
7 order to bring about a safe and economically productive use of
8 the properties.

9 Therefore, it is declared to be the purpose of this Act to
10 identify and initiate 3 pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zones to
11 stimulate the safe and cost-effective re-use of
12 environmentally-challenged properties adjacent to or
13 surrounding rivers by means of tax incentives or grants. On or
14 after July 28, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act 97-203)
15 ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly,~~ the
16 Department may certify an additional pilot River Edge
17 Redevelopment Zone in the City of Peoria. On or after the
18 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General
19 Assembly, the Department may certify an additional pilot River
20 Edge Redevelopment Zone in the City of Rock Island.

21 (Source: P.A. 97-203, eff. 7-28-11.)

22 (65 ILCS 115/10-5.3)

23 Sec. 10-5.3. Certification of River Edge Redevelopment
24 Zones.

25 (a) Approval of designated River Edge Redevelopment Zones

1 shall be made by the Department by certification of the
2 designating ordinance. The Department shall promptly issue a
3 certificate for each zone upon its approval. The certificate
4 shall be signed by the Director of the Department, shall make
5 specific reference to the designating ordinance, which shall be
6 attached thereto, and shall be filed in the office of the
7 Secretary of State. A certified copy of the River Edge
8 Redevelopment Zone Certificate, or a duplicate original
9 thereof, shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of
10 deeds of the county in which the River Edge Redevelopment Zone
11 lies.

12 (b) A River Edge Redevelopment Zone shall be effective upon
13 its certification. The Department shall transmit a copy of the
14 certification to the Department of Revenue, and to the
15 designating municipality. Upon certification of a River Edge
16 Redevelopment Zone, the terms and provisions of the designating
17 ordinance shall be in effect, and may not be amended or
18 repealed except in accordance with Section 10-5.4.

19 (c) A River Edge Redevelopment Zone shall be in effect for
20 the period stated in the certificate, which shall in no event
21 exceed 30 calendar years. Zones shall terminate at midnight of
22 December 31 of the final calendar year of the certified term,
23 except as provided in Section 10-5.4.

24 (d) In calendar years 2006 and 2007, the Department may
25 certify one pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the City of
26 East St. Louis, one pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the

1 City of Rockford, and one pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zone
2 in the City of Aurora.

3 In calendar year 2009, the Department may certify one pilot
4 River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the City of Elgin.

5 On or after July 28,2011 (the effective date of Public Act
6 97-203) ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly~~, the
7 Department may certify one additional pilot River Edge
8 Redevelopment Zone in the City of Peoria.

9 On or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
10 the 97th General Assembly, the Department may certify one
11 additional pilot River Edge Redevelopment Zone in the City of
12 Rock Island.

13 Thereafter the Department may not certify any additional
14 River Edge Redevelopment Zones, but may amend and rescind
15 certifications of existing River Edge Redevelopment Zones in
16 accordance with Section 10-5.4.

17 (e) A municipality in which a River Edge Redevelopment Zone
18 has been certified must submit to the Department, within 60
19 days after the certification, a plan for encouraging the
20 participation by minority persons, females, persons with
21 disabilities, and veterans in the zone. The Department may
22 assist the municipality in developing and implementing the
23 plan. The terms "minority person", "female", and "person with a
24 disability" have the meanings set forth under Section 2 of the
25 Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with
26 Disabilities Act. "Veteran" means an Illinois resident who is a

1 veteran as defined in subsection (h) of Section 1491 of Title
2 10 of the United States Code.

3 (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09; 97-203, eff. 7-28-11.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.