

1 AN ACT concerning enterprise zones.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Enterprise Zone Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 5.3 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 655/5.3) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 608)

7 Sec. 5.3. Certification of Enterprise Zones; Effective  
8 date.

9 (a) Approval of designated Enterprise Zones shall be  
10 made by the Department by certification of the designating  
11 ordinance. The Department shall promptly issue a certificate  
12 for each Enterprise Zone upon its approval. The certificate  
13 shall be signed by the Director of the Department, shall make  
14 specific reference to the designating ordinance, which shall  
15 be attached thereto, and shall be filed in the office of the  
16 Secretary of State. A certified copy of the Enterprise Zone  
17 Certificate, or a duplicate original thereof, shall be  
18 recorded in the office of recorder of deeds of the county in  
19 which the Enterprise Zone lies.

20 (b) An Enterprise Zone shall be effective upon its  
21 certification. The Department shall transmit a copy of the  
22 certification to the Department of Revenue, and to the  
23 designating municipality or county.

24 Upon certification of an Enterprise Zone, the terms and  
25 provisions of the designating ordinance shall be in effect,  
26 and may not be amended or repealed except in accordance with  
27 Section 5.4.

28 (c) An Enterprise Zone shall be in effect for 30  
29 calendar years, or for a lesser number of years specified in  
30 the certified designating ordinance. Enterprise Zones shall  
31 terminate at midnight of December 31 of the final calendar

1 year of the certified term, except as provided in Section  
2 5.4. ~~The Whiteside County/Carroll County Enterprise Zone,~~  
3 ~~however, solely with respect to industrial purposes and uses,~~  
4 ~~shall be in effect for 30 calendar years or for a lesser~~  
5 ~~number of years specified in the certified designating~~  
6 ~~ordinance.~~

7 (d) No more than 12 Enterprise Zones may be certified by  
8 the Department in calendar year 1984, no more than 12  
9 Enterprise Zones may be certified by the Department in  
10 calendar year 1985, no more than 13 Enterprise Zones may be  
11 certified by the Department in calendar year 1986, no more  
12 than 15 Enterprise Zones may be certified by the Department  
13 in calendar year 1987, and no more than 20 Enterprise Zones  
14 may be certified by the Department in calendar year 1990. In  
15 other calendar years, no more than 13 Enterprise Zones may be  
16 certified by the Department. The Department may also  
17 designate up to 8 additional Enterprise Zones outside the  
18 regular application cycle if warranted by the extreme  
19 economic circumstances as determined by the Department. The  
20 Department may also designate one additional Enterprise Zone  
21 outside the regular application cycle if an aircraft  
22 manufacturer agrees to locate an aircraft manufacturing  
23 facility in the proposed Enterprise Zone. Notwithstanding any  
24 other provision of this Act, no more than 89 Enterprise Zones  
25 may be certified by the Department for the 10 calendar years  
26 commencing with 1983. The 7 additional Enterprise Zones  
27 authorized by Public Act 86-15 shall not lie within  
28 municipalities or unincorporated areas of counties that abut  
29 or are contiguous to Enterprise Zones certified pursuant to  
30 this Section prior to June 30, 1989. The 7 additional  
31 Enterprise Zones (excluding the additional Enterprise Zone  
32 which may be designated outside the regular application  
33 cycle) authorized by Public Act 86-1030 shall not lie within  
34 municipalities or unincorporated areas of counties that abut

1 or are contiguous to Enterprise Zones certified pursuant to  
2 this Section prior to February 28, 1990. In any calendar  
3 year, the Department may not certify more than 3 Zones  
4 located within the same municipality. The Department may  
5 certify Enterprise Zones in each of the 10 calendar years  
6 commencing with 1983. The Department may not certify more  
7 than a total of 18 Enterprise Zones located within the same  
8 county (whether within municipalities or within  
9 unincorporated territory) for the 10 calendar years  
10 commencing with 1983. Thereafter, the Department may not  
11 certify any additional Enterprise Zones, but may amend and  
12 rescind certifications of existing Enterprise Zones in  
13 accordance with Section 5.4.

14 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if (i)  
15 the county board of any county in which a current military  
16 base is located, in part or in whole, or in which a military  
17 base that has been closed within 20 years of the effective  
18 date of this amendatory Act of 1998 is located, in part or in  
19 whole, adopts a designating ordinance in accordance with  
20 Section 5 of this Act to designate the military base in that  
21 county as an enterprise zone and (ii) the property otherwise  
22 meets the qualifications for an enterprise zone as prescribed  
23 in Section 4 of this Act, then the Department may certify the  
24 designating ordinance or ordinances, as the case may be.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-567, eff. 8-14-99; 91-937, eff. 1-11-01;  
26 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)

27 Section 10. The Public Utilities Act is amended by  
28 changing Section 9-222.1 as follows:

29 (220 ILCS 5/9-222.1) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 9-222.1)

30 Sec. 9-222.1. A business enterprise which is located  
31 within an area designated by a county or municipality as an  
32 enterprise zone pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act

1 or located in a federally designated Foreign Trade Zone or  
2 Sub-Zone shall be exempt from the additional charges added to  
3 the business enterprise's utility bills as a pass-on of  
4 municipal and State utility taxes under Sections 9-221 and  
5 9-222 of this Act, to the extent such charges are exempted by  
6 ordinance adopted in accordance with paragraph (e) of Section  
7 8-11-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code in the case of  
8 municipal utility taxes, and to the extent such charges are  
9 exempted by the percentage specified by the Department of  
10 Commerce and Community Affairs in the case of State utility  
11 taxes, provided such business enterprise meets the following  
12 criteria:

13 (1) it either (i) makes investments which cause the  
14 creation of a minimum of 200 full-time equivalent jobs in  
15 Illinois; (ii) makes investments of at least \$175,000,000  
16 which cause the creation of a minimum of 150 full-time  
17 equivalent jobs in Illinois; or (iii) makes investments  
18 which cause the retention of a minimum of 1,000 full-time  
19 jobs in Illinois; and

20 (2) it is either (i) located in an Enterprise Zone  
21 established pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act  
22 or (ii) it is located in a federally designated Foreign  
23 Trade Zone or Sub-Zone and is designated a High Impact  
24 Business by the Department of Commerce and Community  
25 Affairs; and

26 (3) it is certified by the Department of Commerce  
27 and Community Affairs as complying with the requirements  
28 specified in clauses (1) and (2) of this Section.

29 The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs shall  
30 determine the period during which such exemption from the  
31 charges imposed under Section 9-222 is in effect which shall  
32 not exceed 30 20 years, ~~except in the case of the Whiteside~~  
33 ~~County/Carroll County Enterprise Zone, where solely with~~  
34 ~~respect to industrial purposes and uses, the exemption period~~

1 shall--not--exceed-30-years,-and-shall-specify-the-percentage  
2 of-the-exemption-from-State-utility-taxes.

3 The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs shall  
4 have the power to promulgate rules and regulations to carry  
5 out the provisions of this Section including procedures for  
6 complying with the requirements specified in clauses (1) and  
7 (2) of this Section and procedures for applying for the  
8 exemptions authorized under this Section; to define the  
9 amounts and types of eligible investments which business  
10 enterprises must make in order to receive State utility tax  
11 exemptions pursuant to Sections 9-222 and 9-222.1 of this  
12 Act; to approve such utility tax exemptions for business  
13 enterprises whose investments are not yet placed in service;  
14 and to require that business enterprises granted tax  
15 exemptions repay the exempted tax should the business  
16 enterprise fail to comply with the terms and conditions of  
17 the certification. However, no business enterprise shall be  
18 required, as a condition for certification under clause (3)  
19 of this Section, to attest that its decision to invest under  
20 clause (1) of this Section and to locate under clause (2) of  
21 this Section is predicated upon the availability of the  
22 exemptions authorized by this Section.

23 A business enterprise shall be exempt, in whole or in  
24 part, from the pass-on charges of municipal utility taxes  
25 imposed under Section 9-221, only if it meets the criteria  
26 specified in clauses (1) through (3) of this Section and the  
27 municipality has adopted an ordinance authorizing the  
28 exemption under paragraph (e) of Section 8-11-2 of the  
29 Illinois Municipal Code. Upon certification of the business  
30 enterprises by the Department of Commerce and Community  
31 Affairs, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs  
32 shall notify the Department of Revenue of such certification.  
33 The Department of Revenue shall notify the public utilities  
34 of the exemption status of business enterprises from the

1 pass-on charges of State and municipal utility taxes. Such  
2 exemption status shall be effective within 3 months after  
3 certification of the business enterprise.

4 (Source: P.A. 90-16, eff. 6-16-97; 91-567, eff. 8-14-99.)