



## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Employ Illinois Job Renewal Act. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to develop application procedures to certify certain areas in the State as Job Renewal Zones or Agricultural Renewal Zones. Sets forth the qualifications for certification as a Job Renewal Zone or Agricultural Renewal Zone. Sets forth tax incentives for businesses located inside Job Renewal Zones or Agricultural Renewal Zones. Requires the Department to certify all Job Renewal Zones and Agriculture Renewal Zones by July 1, 2007 and provides that all zones expire on June 30, 2019. Requires the Department to report to the General Assembly and Governor no later than January 1, 2018 concerning the zone program. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
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HOUSING  
AFFORDABILITY  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
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1 AN ACT concerning economic development.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Employ  
5 Illinois Job Renewal Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic  
8 Opportunity.

9 "Local government entity" means a county or a municipality.

10 Section 10. Qualifications for Job Renewal Zones. An area  
11 is qualified to become a Job Renewal Zone if:

12 (1) it is located in a county or is a county with no  
13 more than 200,000 residents according to the latest data  
14 available from the U.S Census Bureau; and

15 (2) it has experienced unemployment rates over the last  
16 5 years that are higher than at least 75% of all Illinois  
17 local government entities.

18 Section 15. Certification of Job Renewal Zones by the  
19 Department.

20 (a) The Department must develop an application for Job  
21 Renewal Zone certification and contact local government  
22 entities that may be qualified to be a Job Renewal Zone under  
23 Section 10 to inform them of their potential qualification. In  
24 determining those local government entities to be certified, in  
25 addition to characteristics mentioned in subsection (b), the  
26 Department must certify an equal amount of zones in the various  
27 regions of the State. The Department shall designate Job  
28 Renewal Zones in a manner that maximizes their effect equally  
29 in regions of the State. The Department may not designate more  
30 than 10 Job Renewal Zones in the State.

1 (b) In considering applications for the certification of a  
2 Job Renewal Zone, the Department must consider all of the  
3 following factors:

4 (1) The degree to which the applicant has experienced  
5 population decline or equalized assessed property value  
6 decline or stagnant growth at greater levels than other  
7 local government entities that are eligible for Job Renewal  
8 Zone certification.

9 (2) The degree to which the applicant maintains a  
10 residency with higher levels of poverty relative to other  
11 local government entities that are eligible for Job Renewal  
12 Zone certification.

13 (3) The degree to which school districts within the  
14 jurisdiction of the local government entity applying for  
15 certification have experienced decline or stagnation in  
16 student enrollment having detrimental effects on the  
17 schools' State education funding at levels greater than  
18 other local government entities that are eligible for  
19 certification.

20 (4) Whether the applicant has developed a strategic  
21 development plan that will guide the redevelopment of its  
22 community or county in a manner that benefits all residents  
23 of the applicant local government entity.

24 (5) Any other relevant factors determined by the  
25 Department.

26 Section 20. Taxes on businesses in Job Renewal Zones.

27 (a) All businesses located in a Job Renewal Zone, in  
28 addition to any other benefits and incentives that may be  
29 offered at the discretion of the Department or the local  
30 government entity creating the Job Renewal Zone as is provided  
31 under the Enterprise Zone Act, shall qualify for exemptions  
32 from the following taxes:

33 (1) taxes imposed under subsections (a) and (b) of  
34 Section 201 of the Illinois Income Tax Act;

35 (2) the personal property tax replacement income tax

1 under subsection (c) of Section 201 of the Illinois Income  
2 Tax Act; and

3 (3) the State's portion of the State use or occupation  
4 taxes.

5 (b) Any business located in a Job Renewal Zone from which  
6 the Department has determined at least 51% of its products or  
7 services are exported outside of the State shall automatically  
8 qualify for EDGE cash incentives as they are provided under the  
9 EDGE Tax Credit Act.

10 Section 25. Agricultural Renewal Zones.

11 (a) In addition to the 10 Job Renewal Zones, the Department  
12 may certify up to 10 Agriculture Renewal Zones.

13 (b) Agriculture Renewal Zones may not be larger than the  
14 agricultural processing facility for which the zone has been  
15 designated. For purposes of this Section, "agricultural  
16 facility" means one or more facilities or operations that  
17 transform, package, sort, or grade livestock or livestock  
18 products, agricultural commodities, or plants or plant  
19 products into goods that are used for intermediate for final  
20 consumption including goods for nonfood use, and surrounding  
21 property.

22 (c) An Agriculture Renewal Zone may be designated anywhere  
23 in which a Job Renewal Zone may be located, under this Act, if  
24 the local government entity with jurisdiction has approved its  
25 location. An Agriculture Renewal Zone may not be designated  
26 within a Job Renewal Zone.

27 (d) A business in an Agriculture Renewal Zone qualifies for  
28 the same benefits and incentives eligible to businesses in a  
29 Job Renewal Zone.

30 Section 30. Deadline for zone certification; expiration.

31 (a) The Department must set a deadline for its receipt of  
32 applications for all zone certifications. The Department must  
33 certify all Job Renewal Zones and Agriculture Renewal Zones by  
34 July 1, 2007.

1 (b) All Job Renewal Zones and Agriculture Renewal Zones  
2 expire on June 30, 2019.

3 Section 35. Report required; extension of program.

4 (a) By January 1, 2018, the Department must prepare a  
5 report to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing the  
6 effects of the Job Renewal and Agriculture Renewal programs on  
7 the local government entities. The report must include, without  
8 limitation, information concerning:

9 (1) Employment growth and unemployment decline;

10 (2) Population change;

11 (3) Changes in poverty rates;

12 (4) Changes in per capita income of the residents of  
13 the zone;

14 (5) Changes in the equalized assessed value of property  
15 within the zone;

16 (6) Changes in the cost of providing services to zone  
17 residents borne by the local government entity where the  
18 zone is located;

19 (7) Changes in revenues collected by the local  
20 government entity in which the zone is located; and

21 (8) Changes in the cost of housing in the zone.

22 (b) If the General Assembly extends the expiration date of  
23 this program, the Department shall consider the progress of  
24 economic development of each zone then designated and  
25 surrounding areas when deciding whether the current 10 Job  
26 Renewal Zones and 10 Agriculture Renewal Zones will be  
27 re-extended.

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
29 becoming law.