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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 compact and contiguous parcel of property that is used for the sole purpose of providing space for for the production of domestic renewable fuel 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:

- 4 Section 5. The Illinois Enterprise Zone Act is amended by 5 changing Section 4 as follows:
- 6 (20 ILCS 655/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 604)

7 Sec. 4. Qualifications for Enterprise Zones.

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

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

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1 (c) is a depressed area; (d) satisfies any additional criteria established by regulation of the Department consistent with the purposes of this Act; and

5 (e) is (1) entirely within a municipality or (2) entirely within the unincorporated areas of a county, 6 7 except where reasonable need is established for such zone 8 to cover portions of more than one municipality or county 9 or (3) both comprises (i) all or part of a municipality and 10 (ii) an unincorporated area of a county.

11 (1.5) Any compact and contiguous parcel of property used 12 for the sole purpose of providing space for the production of 13 domestic renewable fuel, as defined under Section 10 of the Alternate Fuels Act (415 ILCS 120/10), is qualified to become 14 an enterprise zone regardless of whether that parcel is located 15 16 in an area that otherwise fails to meet the requirements under 17 subsection (1).

(2) Any criteria established by the Department or by law 18 which utilize the rate of unemployment for a particular area 19 20 shall provide that all persons who are not presently employed 21 and have exhausted all unemployment benefits shall be 22 considered unemployed, whether or not such persons are actively 23 seeking employment.

(Source: P.A. 86-803.) 24

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 26 becoming law.