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P.L. 2002, CHAPTER 68, approved August 14, 2002 Assembly Bill No. 2187 (Corrected Copy)

1 AN ACT clarifying eligibility for designation as an urban enterprise 2 zone and amending P.L.2001, c.347. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 12 of P.L.2001, c.347 (C.52:27H-66.7) is amended to 8 read as follows: 9 12. The three additional zones, authorized pursuant to P.L.2001, 10 c.347 (C.52:27H-66.2 et al.), shall be designated within 90 days of the date of the submittal of an application and zone development plan, 11 provided that the joint zone shall be designated within 90 days of the 12 13 date of the submittal of a joint application and a joint zone 14 development plan by the adjoining municipalities. The authority shall 15 accept applications within 90 days of the effective date of P.L.2001, c.347 (C.52:27H-66.2 et al.). Notwithstanding the provisions of 16 P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-60 et seq.) to the contrary, the additional 17 18 enterprise zones to be designated by the authority pursuant to the 19 criteria for priority consideration set forth in this section shall be 20 entitled to an exemption to the extent of 50% of the tax imposed under 21 the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.). 22 The following criteria shall be utilized in according priority 23 consideration for designation of the three additional enterprise zones 24 authorized pursuant to P.L.2001, c.347 (C.52:27H-66.2 et al.): a. (1) The joint zone shall be located in four municipalities which 25 26 are adjacent to each other, one of which has a population greater than 27 5,000 and less than 5,500 according to the latest federal decennial census, one of which has a population greater than [4,000] <u>4,500</u> and 28 29 less than [4,500] 5,000 according to the latest federal decennial 30 census, one of which has a population greater than 3,000 and less than 31 4,000 according to the latest federal decennial census, and one of 32 which has a population greater than 400 and less than 500 according 33 to the latest federal decennial census; and 34 (2) The joint zone shall be located in a county of the sixth class 35 according to the latest federal decennial census. b. (1) The second zone shall be located in a municipality with a 36 37 population greater than 60,000 and less than 65,000 according to the 38 latest federal decennial census in a county of the first class with a 39 population greater than 600,000 and less than 620,000 according to 40 the latest federal decennial census; and 41 (2) The second zone shall be located in a municipality which is

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contiguous to at least one qualifying municipality which has a 1 2 designated enterprise zone and which is in a county of the first class. 3 The third zone shall be located within a municipality that c. 4 (1) borders on another municipality having an urban enterprise 5 zone; (2) has a population greater than 20,000 and a population density 6 7 greater than 7,500 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census; and 8 9 (3) has a per capita retail sales rate that is less than \$2,500, as 10 reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1992 Census of Retail. (cf: P.L.2001, c.347, s.12) 11 12 13 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable to 14 zones designated on or after January 6, 2002. 15 16 17 **STATEMENT** 18 19 This bill would modify the population coordinates governing eligibility for the establishment of a joint urban enterprise zone which 20 21 was authorized in a county of the sixth class pursuant to P.L.2001, 22 c.347. 23 According to the 1990 census, the only county of the sixth class 24 was Cape May County. Although the county's population increased such as to otherwise place it beyond the population parameters of a 25 26 sixth class county according to the 2000 census, the enactment of 27 P.L.2001, c.336 made the necessary changes in the definition of a 28 county of the sixth class in order to protect Cape May's status. 29 Senate Bill 322 (ultimately enacted as P.L.2001, c.347) defined the joint urban enterprise zone which it authorized as including four 30 31 adjacent municipalities, one having a population greater than 5,000 32 and less than 5,500; one having a population greater than 4,000 and 33 less than 4,500; one having a population greater than 3,000 and less 34 than 4,000; and the last having a population greater than 400 and less 35 than 500. The populations were tied to the populations included within the latest federal decennial census. At the time the bill was 36 37 originally proposed, the 1990 census was the latest census and the municipalities which fulfilled those population criteria, respectively, 38 39 were North Wildwood, Wildwood, Wildwood Crest and West 40 Wildwood. 41 With the promulgation of the 2000 census in April of 2001, the population descriptors only applied to three municipalities. The 42 description which previously resulted in the designation of North 43 44 Wildwood would now apply to Wildwood. The definition which 45 previously applied to Wildwood would now apply to no municipality.

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 and 2000 censuses.
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7 joint zone to clarify North Wildwood's inclusion within the zone.

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12 Clarifies parameters of joint UEZ authorized in Cape May County13 under P.L.2001, c.347.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2187 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 26, 2002

Sponsored by: Assemblyman JEFF VAN DREW District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland) Assemblyman NICHOLAS ASSELTA District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Clarifies parameters of joint UEZ authorized in Cape May County under P.L.2001, c.347.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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- 5 joint zone to clarify North Wildwood's inclusion within the zone.

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2187

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 16, 2002

The Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2187.

Assembly Bill No. 2187 would modify the population coordinates governing eligibility for the establishment of a joint urban enterprise zone which was authorized in a county of the sixth class pursuant to P.L.2001, c.247.

According to the 1990 census, the only county of the sixth class was Cape May County. Although the county's population increased such as to otherwise place it beyond the population parameters of a sixth class county according to the 2000 census, the enactment of P.L.2001, c.336 made the necessary changes in the definition of a county of the sixth class in order to protect Cape May's status.

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SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2187

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2002

The Senate Economic Growth, Agriculture and Tourism Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2187.

This bill would modify the population coordinates governing eligibility for the establishment of a joint urban enterprise zone which was authorized in a county of the sixth class (Cape May County) pursuant to P.L.2001, c.347.

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As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill, No. 2187 is identical to Senate Bill, No. 1450, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE, No. 1450 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 13, 2002

Sponsored by: Senator JAMES S. CAFIERO District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Clarifies parameters of joint UEZ authorized in Cape May County under P.L.2001, c.347.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1450

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 6, 2002

The Senate Economic Growth, Agriculture and Tourism Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1450.

This bill would modify the population coordinates governing eligibility for the establishment of a joint urban enterprise zone which was authorized in a county of the sixth class (Cape May County) pursuant to P.L.2001, c.347.

P.L.2001, c.347 defined the joint urban enterprise zone which it authorized as including four adjacent municipalities, one having a population greater than 5,000 and less than 5,500; one having a population greater than 4,000 and less than 4,500; one having a population greater than 3,000 and less than 4,000; and the last having a population greater than 400 and less than 500. The populations were tied to the populations included within the latest federal decennial census. At the time the bill was originally proposed, the 1990 census was the latest census and the municipalities which fulfilled those population criteria, respectively, were North Wildwood, Wildwood, Wildwood Crest and West Wildwood.

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As reported by the committee, Senate Bill, No. 1450, is identical to Assembly Bill, No. 2187 which also was reported by the committee on this date.



McGreevey Acts to Encourage Growth in Cape May County

Signs UEZ & Tourism Funding Legislation

(WILDWOOD) —At the Wildwood Convention Center, Governor James E. McGreevey today signed into law two pieces of legislation designed to promote economic growth and enhance tourism in Cape May County. The Governor was joined by Assemblymen Jeff Van Drew and Nicholas Asselta and Senator James Cafiero.

"We have a fundamental obligation to foster growth and create jobs in every part of New Jersey," said McGreevey. "These important pieces of legislation will continue to move Cape May in the right direction."

The first piece of legislation signed today by Governor McGreevey, Assembly Bill 2187, will enable North Wildwood to continue its participation in the Cape May County Urban Enterprise Zone by modifying the population requirements for a joint urban enterprise zone authorized in a county of the sixth class. The only county of the sixth class is Cape May County.

"By continuing the Wildwood UEZ and providing municipalities with an additional funding mechanism to promote tourism, Governor McGreevey has taken action to foster growth in Cape May," said Van Drew. "The measures signed into law today will directly benefit this region."

Current law authorizes the creation of a joint urban enterprise zone in four specific, adjacent municipalities, defined by their population counts. Based on the 1990 Federal census, the municipalities that met these population criteria were North Wildwood, Wildwood, Wildwood Crest and West Wildwood. Under the 2000 census, however, North Wildwood is excluded. This bill modifies the population requirement to include North Wildwood.

Assembly Bill 2187, sponsored by Assemblymen Van Drew (D-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Asselta (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), passed the Assembly 75-0. The Senate version of the bill, Senate Bill 1450, was sponsored by Senator Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and passed the Senate 37-0.

The second piece of legislation signed by Governor McGreevey, the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill 2312, permits the Greater Wildwood tourism improvement and

development district to generate additional funds for its efforts to enhance tourism throughout the region.

The bill allows municipalities in a "tourism development district" to impose a tourism assessment of up to 1.85% on hotel room rentals. The assessment will fund the activities of the municipality's tourism authority, including all marketing costs.

In addition, the bill removes the current \$1,000 cap on tourism development fees, extends those fees to the renters of lodging not subject to the sales and use tax, and, for bars and restaurants, eliminates a fee offset by the amount of any tax on predominantly tourism related retail receipts that they collect.

Finally, it allows businesses outside of the tourism district to enter into marketing partnerships with the tourism authority.

The Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill 2312 was also sponsored by Assemblymen Van Drew and Asselta. It passed the Assembly 74-2. The Senate version of the bill, Senate Bill 1142, was sponsored by Senator Cafiero and passed the Senate 39-0.

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