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BILL SUMMARY

Legislation: Senate Bill 1237, P.N. 1518 (as amended by A05529)
Sponsor: Senator Pileggi
Act Amended: Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act
Topic: Designation of unutilized expansion zones and expansion of existing zones
Date: October 17, 2011

Summary:

Senate Bill 1237, as amended by A05529, creates a window of time to allow political subdivisions to apply to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the designation of any of the keystone opportunity expansion zones that were previously authorized, but for which a designation had not been issued.

Applications from political subdivisions requesting designation of these expansion zones must be received by DCED by June 1, 2012. The tax exemptions, deduction abatements or credits authorized for the keystone opportunity expansion zones designated under this legislation would be in effect for ten years beginning on January 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2023.

The legislation would also allow political subdivisions to apply to the department to extend the exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits for unoccupied, deteriorated or underutilized parcels in keystone opportunity zones, keystone opportunity expansion zones or keystone opportunity improvement zones or subzones. The department may approve the application if the extension will result in the creation of at least 200 new jobs.

Applications from political subdivisions to extend the zones must be received by the department by March 1, 2012. The extensions shall expire no later than nine years following the expiration date of the existing keystone opportunity zone, keystone opportunity expansion zone or keystone opportunity improvement zone or subzone.

The act shall take effect immediately.