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An Act To Enhance Pine Tree Development Zones

Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland and
Senator: BROMLEY of Cumberland, Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, DUPREY of
Medway, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, RECTOR of Thomaston, ROGERS of Brewer, SMITH
of Monmouth.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5248, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 451, Pt. NNN, §2, is amended to read:

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6 **5. Amendments.** A participating unit of local government
may amend the designation of that portion of a Pine Tree
8 Development Zone contained within its boundaries ~~or an adopted~~
~~development plan~~ only after meeting the requirements of this
10 section for designation of a Pine Tree Development Zone ~~or~~
~~adoption of a development plan and with the concurrence of all~~
12 ~~other participating units of local government.~~ A participating
unit of local government may not amend the designation of a Pine
14 Tree Development Zone if the amendment would result in the zone's
being out of compliance with any of the requirements in section
16 5247.

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Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3208, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

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7-A. Exemption from stranded cost. A business certified as
a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business by the
22 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development under Title
30-A is exempt from the stranded cost portion of their utility
24 bill.

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This subsection is repealed December 31, 2018.

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SUMMARY

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This bill exempts a business that is certified as a
qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business from the stranded
32 cost portion of the business's utility bill. The bill also
requires only town meeting approval for amendments to a Pine Tree
34 Development Zone in the affected town and removes the requirement
of town meetings for changes in the Pine Tree Development Zone's
36 development plan.