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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1690, L.D. 2340, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Job Opportunities Zone Act"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Job Opportunity Zones Act will be repealed on June 30, 1990 without emergency action by the Legislature; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the Legislature to continue the Job Opportunity Zones Act beyond June 30, 1990; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph H and inserting in its place the following:

'H. Each zone must provide coordinated administrative staffing which may be funded through job opportunity zone grants.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §15140, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 542, Pt. I, §§3 and 6, is amended to read:

2 **§15140. Evaluation**

4 The commission, in cooperation with the State Development
6 ~~the--commission~~ to undertake an objective evaluation of the
8 program. This evaluation shall must be made available to the
10 Governor, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and
12 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
14 jurisdiction over economic development, no later than October 1,
16 1989 1991. The department shall fund the evaluation using
18 existing program funds and shall provide all staffing assistance
20 required by the commission.'

22 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 7 and
24 inserting in its place the following:

26 'Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §§15142 and 15143 are enacted to read:

28 **§15142. Authorization of zones**

30 Zones existing before the effective date of this section
32 continue as authorized zones until June 30, 1992. Zones
34 authorized on or after the effective date of this section are
36 authorized for 4 years. A zone's authorization period may not be
38 extended.

40 **§15143. Transition plan**

42 Each zone authorized on or after the effective date of this
44 section shall prepare a transition plan demonstrating a
46 commitment to continue the programs, planning capabilities and
48 staff resources created as a result of its designation as a zone
50 for at least one year beyond the end of its authorization
 period. The transition plan must be submitted to the department
 at least 2 years before the end of the zone's authorization
 period and must include:

1 1. Summary. A summary of activities initiated in the zone
2 as a result of its designation as a zone;

3 2. Current status. An assessment of the zone's current
4 economic status; and

5 3. Transition plan. A detailed description of the
6 programs, planning capabilities and staffing resources developed
7 within the zone as a result of its designation as a zone and a
8 detailed plan showing how the zone will maintain those programs,
9 capabilities and staff for at least one year beyond the end of
10 its authorization as a zone.

2 The department shall cancel the authorization of a zone not in
3 compliance with this section.'

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5 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the
6 following:

7 'Sec. 9. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
8 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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10 1990-91

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12 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,**
13 **DEPARTMENT OF**

14
15 **Job Opportunity Zones**

16	Position	(1.0)
17	Personal Services	\$46,000
18	All Other	404,000

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20 Provides funds for the
21 continuation of the job
22 opportunity zones program
23 through flexible grants to
24 the 4 zones and the addition
25 of a Development Program
26 Manager.
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29 **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND**
30 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

31 **TOTAL** \$450,000

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33 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
34 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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36 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read
37 consecutively.

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39 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of
40 fact the following:

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42 **FISCAL NOTE**

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44 This bill appropriates \$450,000 from the General Fund in
45 fiscal year 1990-91 to continue the job opportunity zones
46 program. The Governor has requested this level of funding in the
47 supplemental budget proposal. If this funding is included in the
48 enacted version of the supplemental budget, the appropriation
49 section in this bill should be adjusted accordingly.
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