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An Act To Create Economic Development Zones

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: DUPREY of Medway, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, LUNDEEN
of Mars Hill, WATSON of Bath, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, STANLEY of Penobscot.

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

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6 **Whereas,** the State must ensure that at least 45% of its
economic development assistance be directed towards those areas
of the State with high unemployment and used for economic
development activities that reduce unemployment in those areas;
and

10 **Whereas,** that assistance must begin immediately; and

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14 **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,

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

20 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13058, sub-§6, ¶¶E and F,** as amended by PL
2001, c. 703, §2, are further amended to read:

24 E. A foreign trade zone program; and

26 F. The Business Assistance Referral and Facilitation
Program, pursuant to section 13063-; and

28 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13058, sub-§6, ¶H** is enacted to read:

30 H. The Economic Development Zone Program as established in
32 section 13073-B. This paragraph is repealed January 1, 2007.

34 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13073-B** is enacted to read:

36 **§13073-B. Economic Development Zone Program**

38 The Economic Development Zone Program, referred to in this
39 section as "the program," is established within the Office of
40 Tourism and Community Development. The purpose of the program is
41 to identify those areas of the State with high unemployment as
42 economic development zones and to coordinate the department's
43 economic development expenditures to ensure that at least 45% of
44 the department's economic development expenditures are directed
45 to those economic development zones and used for economic
46 development activities that reduce unemployment in those areas.
47 The Director of the Office of Tourism and Community Development
48 shall administer the program and shall ensure that the
49 department's economic development expenditures are expended in
50 accordance with the goals of the program.

