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House of Representatives, June 14, 2007

An Act To Expand the Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits to Small and Midsize Maine Manufacturers

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative SMITH of Monmouth. Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, CLEARY of Houlton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PILON of Saco, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAMSON of Auburn, SILSBY of Augusta, Senator: BROMLEY of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-S, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt.
QQQQ, §1, is amended to read:

4 B. Makes a written commitment to expand its business at one of its current locations 5 in the State by adding at the location of expansion a minimum of 20 4 net new, full-6 time employees for whom a retirement program subject to the federal Employee 7 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 United States Code, Sections 1001 to 8 1461, as amended, and group health coverage are provided and whose income 9 derived from employment at the business's location of expansion, calculated on a 10 calendar-year basis, is greater than the most recent annual per capita personal income in the county in which the employee is employed; and 11

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5250-S, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt.
QQQQ, §1, is amended to read:

C. Makes a written commitment to invest a minimum of \$2,000,000 \$225,000 in its
expansion at one of its current locations.

16 SUMMARY

Under this bill, Pine Tree Development Zone benefits are made available to more
small and midsize Maine manufacturing companies by lowering the new net employee
minimum to 4 and the investment minimum to \$225,000.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill Sponsor: Rep. Smith, N. of Monmouth Committee: Not Referred Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Project ions 2010-11
Net Cost (Savinga) General Fand	\$8,498	\$22,945	\$ 27 ,9 71	\$30,974
Revenue General Fund Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$8,498) (\$44 1)	(\$22,945) (\$1,178)	(\$ 27,971) (\$1,537)	(\$30,974) (\$1, 699)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The General Fund revenue loss associated with changing certain qualifications for Pine Tree Zone benefits is estimated to be \$8,494 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$22,945 in fiscal year 2008-09.