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S.P. 281

In Senate, February 24, 2009

An Act To Designate Cumberland County as a Pine Tree Development Zone

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

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland and
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GERZOFISKY of
Cumberland, Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, PEOPLES
of Westbrook, RUSSELL of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§3, ¶H,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2005,
3 c. 669, §1, is amended to read:

4 H. The restrictions contained in paragraph G may be waived for:

5 (1) Property that is contained within a labor market area that has sustained a
6 greater than 5% loss of population or employed workers during the 3-year period
7 immediately preceding the time of application if the loss was caused by business
8 closings; ~~or~~

9 (2) Property that is contained within an industrial site with appropriate
10 infrastructure and zoning or other land use regulations in place that has sustained
11 a minimum loss of 500 employed workers during the 5-year period immediately
12 preceding the time of application, as long as an application for a waiver under
13 this subparagraph is received by August 1, 2010. Only a qualified business with
14 a base level of employment equal to zero is eligible to receive Pine Tree
15 Development Zone benefits under this subparagraph; ~~or~~

16 (3) Property that is contained within Cumberland County.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill waives the Pine Tree Development Zone unemployment and wage
19 requirements for Cumberland County in order to allow the county to be eligible for Pine
20 Tree Development Zone benefits.