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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to county distress criteria and certification  
2 limits under the enterprise zone program and including an  
3 effective date provision.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 15E.192, subsection 3, paragraph b,  
2 Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. A county or city may apply to the department for an  
4 area to be certified as an enterprise zone at any time prior  
5 to ~~March 17, 2006~~ July 1, 2008. However, the total amount of  
6 land designated as enterprise zones under subsections 1 and 2,  
7 and any other enterprise zones certified by the department,  
8 excluding those approved pursuant to section 15E.194,  
9 subsection 4, shall not exceed in the aggregate one percent of  
10 the total county area.

11 Sec. 2. Section 15E.194, subsection 1, Code 2005, is  
12 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. The county has a per capita income of  
14 eighty percent or less of the national average per capita  
15 income.

16 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. The county has a household median  
17 income of eighty percent or less of the national average  
18 household median income.

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. Twenty-five percent or more of the  
20 population in the county has an income level of one hundred  
21 fifty percent or less of the United States poverty level as  
22 defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines  
23 published by the United States department of health and human  
24 services.

25 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. The county has a population density of  
26 less than ten people per square mile.

27 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. The county has a loss of population as  
28 shown by the 2000 certified federal census when compared with  
29 the 1990 certified federal census.

30 NEW PARAGRAPH. j. The county has an unemployment rate  
31 greater than the national rate of unemployment.

32 NEW PARAGRAPH. k. More than twenty percent of the  
33 population of the county consists of persons over the age of  
34 sixty-five.

35 Sec. 3. IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed

1 of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

2 EXPLANATION

3 This bill relates to county distress criteria and  
4 certification limits under the enterprise zone program.

5 Currently, under the enterprise zone program, a county or  
6 city may apply to the department of economic development for  
7 an area to be certified as an enterprise zone at any time  
8 prior to March 1, 2006. The bill changes the date to July 1,  
9 2008.

10 Currently, in order for an enterprise zone to be designated  
11 by a county, two of four distress criteria must be met. The  
12 bill adds seven possible distress criteria to the list.

13 This Act takes effect upon enactment.

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