



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 823**

LCO No. 3790

Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:  
(CE)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CORRIDOR ZONE FOR  
MANUFACTURERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and  
3 Community Development.

4 (2) "Public investment communities" shall have the same meaning  
5 as "public investment communities", as defined in section 7-545 of the  
6 general statutes.

7 (b) The legislative bodies of three or more contiguous  
8 municipalities, each of which is a public investment community and  
9 has a population of not more than sixty thousand, and at least fifty per  
10 cent of which municipalities are located along the same interstate  
11 highway, limited access state highway or intersecting interstate or  
12 limited access state highways, may, with the approval of the  
13 commissioner, designate geographic areas with a concentration of  
14 manufacturing establishments in such municipalities as a corridor

15 zone for manufacturing.

16 (c) Municipalities seeking the approval of the commissioner for such  
17 designation shall execute an intermunicipal agreement specifying how  
18 they would cooperatively share in the marketing, promotion and  
19 development of the geographic area that would comprise the corridor  
20 zone for manufacturing, and shall file with the commissioner a  
21 preliminary application which includes such executed agreement. Not  
22 later than sixty days after receipt of such preliminary application, the  
23 commissioner shall indicate to the municipalities, in writing, any  
24 recommendations for improving the municipalities' application. Not  
25 later than sixty days after receipt of the commissioner's written  
26 response, the municipalities shall file a final application with the  
27 commissioner.

28 (d) The commissioner shall approve the designation of at least two  
29 areas as corridor zones for manufacturing. The commissioner may  
30 remove the designation of any area approved as an enterprise corridor  
31 zone if such area no longer meets the criteria for such designation,  
32 provided no such designation shall be removed less than ten years  
33 from the date of approval of such zone.

34 (e) Manufacturing establishments located within a corridor zone for  
35 manufacturing shall be entitled to the same benefits, subject to the  
36 same conditions, under the general statutes for which businesses  
37 located in an enterprise zone qualify.

38 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
39 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the  
40 purposes of this section.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To promote economic development by providing tax credits or exemptions for manufacturing facilities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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