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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PUBLIC INVESTMENT  
COMMUNITIES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 32-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

5 (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and  
7 Community Development.

8 (2) "Public investment communities" shall have the same meaning  
9 as "public investment communities", as defined in section 7-545.

10 (3) "Distressed municipality" shall have the same meaning as

11 "distressed municipality", as defined in section 32-9p.

12 (4) "Eligible municipality" means a municipality that is a distressed  
13 municipality and a public investment community, has a population of  
14 not more than forty thousand, has an unemployment rate that is more  
15 than the unemployment rate of the state, and for which the per capita  
16 income is less than the per capita income of the state.

17 (5) "Unemployment rate" means the average unemployment rate of  
18 a municipality or the state, as the case may be, as reported by the  
19 Labor Commissioner on the preceding July first for the latest available  
20 twelve-month period.

21 (6) "Per capita income" means the average per capita income of a  
22 municipality or the state, as the case may be, that is enumerated in the  
23 most recent (A) federal decennial census of population, or (B) current  
24 population report series issued by the United States Department of  
25 Commerce, Bureau of the Census available on the preceding January  
26 first, whichever is most recent.

27 (b) (1) [The] Before the effective date of this section, the legislative  
28 bodies of three or more contiguous municipalities, each of which is a  
29 public investment community and has a population of not more than  
30 sixty thousand, and at least fifty per cent of which municipalities are  
31 located along the same interstate highway, limited access state  
32 highway or intersecting interstate or limited access state highways,  
33 may, with the approval of the commissioner, designate industrial  
34 districts in such municipalities as an enterprise corridor zone. (2) On or  
35 after the effective date of this section, the legislative bodies of two or  
36 more contiguous eligible municipalities, at least one of which is located  
37 along an interstate highway, limited access state highway or  
38 intersecting interstate or limited access state highways and is  
39 designated as a regional center in the locational guide map included in  
40 the state plan of conservation and development adopted pursuant to  
41 chapter 297, may, with the approval of the commissioner, designate  
42 such municipalities as an enterprise corridor zone.

43 (c) Municipalities seeking the approval of the commissioner for such  
44 designation shall execute an intermunicipal agreement specifying how  
45 they would cooperatively share in the marketing, promotion and  
46 development of the industrial districts that would comprise the  
47 enterprise corridor zones, and shall file with the commissioner a  
48 preliminary application which includes such executed agreement. Not  
49 later than sixty days after receipt of such preliminary application, the  
50 commissioner shall indicate to the municipalities, in writing, any  
51 recommendations for improving the municipalities' application. Not  
52 later than sixty days after receipt of the commissioner's written  
53 response, the municipalities shall file a final application with the  
54 commissioner.

55 (d) The commissioner shall approve the designation of at least two  
56 areas as enterprise corridor zones. The commissioner may remove the  
57 designation of any area he has approved as an enterprise corridor zone  
58 if such area no longer meets the criteria for such designation, provided  
59 no such designation shall be removed less than ten years [from the  
60 date of approval of such zone] after the date that such area no longer  
61 meets such criteria.

62 (e) Businesses located within an enterprise corridor zone shall be  
63 entitled to the same benefits, subject to the same conditions, under the  
64 general statutes for which businesses located in an enterprise zone  
65 qualify.

66 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the  
67 provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section."