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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 Section 32-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 (b) (1) [The] Before the effective date of this section, the legislative

13 bodies of three or more contiguous municipalities, each of which is a
14 public investment community and has a population of not more than
15 sixty thousand, and at least fifty per cent of which municipalities are
16 located along the same interstate highway, limited access state
17 highway or intersecting interstate or limited access state highways,
18 may, with the approval of the commissioner, designate industrial
19 districts in such municipalities as an enterprise corridor zone. (2) As
20 used in this subdivision, "eligible municipality" means a municipality
21 that is a distressed municipality and a public investment community,
22 has a population of not more than forty thousand, has an
23 unemployment rate that is more than the state's average
24 unemployment rate as determined by the Labor Department, and the
25 residents of which have an average per capita income below the state
26 average per capita income as determined by the Department of
27 Economic and Community Development. On or after the effective date
28 of this section, the legislative bodies of two or more contiguous eligible
29 municipalities, at least one of which is located along an interstate
30 highway, limited access state highway or intersecting interstate or
31 limited access state highways and is designated as a regional center in
32 the locational guide map included in the state plan of conservation and
33 development adopted pursuant to chapter 297, may, with the approval
34 of the commissioner, designate such municipalities as an enterprise
35 corridor zone.

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

47 commissioner.

48 (d) The commissioner shall approve the designation of at least two
49 areas as enterprise corridor zones. The commissioner may remove the
50 designation of any area he has approved as an enterprise corridor zone
51 if such area no longer meets the criteria for such designation, provided
52 no such designation shall be removed less than ten years from the date
53 of approval of such zone.

54 (e) Businesses located within an enterprise corridor zone shall be
55 entitled to the same benefits, subject to the same conditions, under the
56 general statutes for which businesses located in an enterprise zone
57 qualify.

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