

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1530**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Huffman and Olsen**

January 23, 2012

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An act relating to economic development.

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AB 1530, as introduced, Huffman. Economic development: Clean Manufacturing and Job Creation Incentive Act of 2012.

The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the designation and oversight by the Department of Housing and Community Development of various types of economic development areas throughout the state, including enterprise zones, targeted tax areas, local agency military base recovery areas (LAMBRAs), and manufacturing enhancement areas, collectively known as geographically targeted economic development areas, or G-TEDAs. Pursuant to these provisions, qualifying entities in those areas may receive certain tax and regulatory incentives.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact the Clean Manufacturing and Job Creation Incentive Act of 2012. That act would, among other things, establish clean manufacturing zones that would attract new manufacturing businesses to California by approving necessary permits and licenses in advance, and provide a property tax exemption for new manufacturing equipment purchased for use in a clean manufacturing zone.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 Clean Manufacturing and Job Creation Incentive Act of 2012.

3 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

4 (a) California’s economy is among the 10 largest in the world,  
5 with a gross domestic product of almost \$2 trillion.

6 (b) Although the state unemployment rate remains over 11  
7 percent, California still ranks first among all 50 states in new  
8 branches of high-tech manufacturing and first in the number of  
9 manufacturing industry jobs.

10 (c) Economic development and job creation are essential  
11 elements of California’s fiscal recovery.

12 (d) California must compete with other states to attract  
13 high-skill, high-wage manufacturing businesses and jobs, and to  
14 retain manufacturing jobs and facilities as companies grow and  
15 expand, which in turn can stimulate and support new businesses  
16 and jobs in a range of sectors.

17 (e) California’s environmental protections and public health  
18 and safety standards are essential to ensure quality of life and  
19 economic growth in the Golden State.

20 (f) One of the major obstacles identified by businesses to  
21 opening new facilities in California is delays in acquiring the  
22 licenses and permits necessary to operate, including local and state  
23 business licenses and other regulatory approvals.

24 (g) The purpose of this act is to stimulate growth in the  
25 manufacturing industry without compromising California’s high  
26 environmental, public health, and safety standards by creating  
27 clean manufacturing zones with preapproved permits and licenses  
28 to accommodate new and expanding manufacturing businesses.

29 SEC. 3. The Legislature declares its intent to enact legislation  
30 to do both of the following:

31 (a) Establish clean manufacturing zones, with all necessary  
32 permits and licenses approved in advance, to attract new  
33 manufacturing businesses.

34 (b) Provide a property tax exemption for new manufacturing  
35 equipment purchased for use in clean manufacturing zones.

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