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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 356**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Washington**

February 11, 1999

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An act to add Section 7073.4 to the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 356, as amended, Washington. Enterprise zones: County of Los Angeles.

The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the designation of enterprise zones by the Trade and Commerce Agency, according to specified criteria, pursuant to which certain entities may receive regulatory, tax, and other incentives for private investment and employment.

This bill would additionally require the Trade and Commerce Agency to rank applicant cities and designate one city within the County of Los Angeles as a new enterprise zone, according to specified criteria.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 7073.4 is added to the  
2 Government Code, to read:

1 7073.4. (a) The Trade and Commerce Agency shall  
2 rank applicant cities and designate one city within the  
3 County of Los Angeles as a new enterprise zone, in  
4 addition to those enterprise zones designated pursuant to  
5 Section 7073.

6 (b) The enterprise zone designated pursuant to this  
7 section shall meet all of the following criteria:

8 (1) The average unemployment rate for the entire  
9 applicant city was not less than 10 percent in 1998.

10 (2) The median annual household or family income for  
11 the entire applicant city is not more than twenty-six  
12 thousand five hundred dollars (\$26,500).

13 (3) The percentage of persons in the entire applicant  
14 city below the poverty level is at least 25 percent.

15 (4) The applicant is an incorporated city in the County  
16 of Los Angeles that has a population of *greater than 50,000*  
17 *and less than 100,000* persons according to the most recent  
18 census data *and does not currently have an enterprise*  
19 *zone*.

20 (c) For the purpose of applying any provision of the  
21 Revenue and Taxation Code, the additional enterprise  
22 zone designated pursuant to this section shall be deemed  
23 designated pursuant to Section 7073.

24 SEC. 2. The Legislature hereby finds and declares  
25 that a special statute is necessary and that a general  
26 statute cannot be made applicable, within the meaning of  
27 Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution,  
28 because of unique circumstances applicable to the  
29 County of Los Angeles.

