

# State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 13

February 2, 2011 - Introduced by Representative LOUDENBECK. Referred to Committee on Jobs, Economy and Small Business.

AN ACT to amend 560.70 (7) (b) 2., 560.795 (2) (a) and 560.795 (3) (a) 4.; and to create 560.795 (1) (i), 560.795 (2) (b) 9. and 560.795 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes; relating to: a development opportunity zone for the city of Beloit.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law the Department of Commerce (Commerce) may designate a portion of the state as a development opportunity zone. Taxpayers that conduct business or intend to conduct business within a development opportunity zone may receive certain tax benefits after submitting a qualifying project plan in conjunction with the local governing body of the city in which the development opportunity zone is located.

This bill creates a development opportunity zone in the city of Beloit effective for 60 months, beginning September 1, 2010, and covering an area to be determined by the city's governing board. The total of allowable tax benefits for that development opportunity zone is \$5,000,000, except that, under the bill, Commerce may extend the designation of an opportunity zone for the city of Beloit for an additional 60 months and an additional \$5,000,000 of total tax benefits if Commerce determines that the extension will support economic development in the city.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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**SECTION 1.** 560.70 (7) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

560.70 (7) (b) 2. With respect to the development opportunity zones under s. 560.795 (1) (g) and, (h), and (i), "tax benefits" means the development zone credits under ss. 71.07 (2dx), 71.28 (1dx), 71.47 (1dx), and 76.636 and the development zones capital investment credit under ss. 71.07 (2dm), 71.28 (1dm), and 71.47 (1dm).

**Section 2.** 560.795 (1) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

560.795 (1) (i) An area in the city of Beloit, the legal description of which is provided to the department by the local governing body of the city of Beloit.

**Section 3.** 560.795 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

560.795 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (d), the designation of each area under sub. (1) (a), (b), and (c) as a development opportunity zone shall be effective for 36 months, with the designation of the areas under sub. (1) (a) and (b) beginning on April 23, 1994, and the designation of the area under sub. (1) (c) beginning on April 28, 1995. Except as provided in par. (d), the designation of each area under sub. (1) (d) and (e) as a development opportunity zone shall be effective for 84 months, with the designation of the area under sub. (1) (d) beginning on January 1, 2000, and the designation of the area under sub. (1) (e) beginning on September 1, 2001. Except as provided in par. (d), the designation of the area under sub. (1) (f) as a development opportunity zone shall be effective for 108 months, beginning on September 1, 2001. Except as provided in pars. (d) and (e), the designation of each area under sub. (1) (g) and (h) as a development opportunity zone shall be effective for 60 months, beginning on the date on which the area is designated under sub. (1). Except as provided in pars. (d) and (e), the designation of the area under sub. (1) is shall be effective for 60 months, beginning on September 1, 2010.

**SECTION 4.** 560.795 (2) (b) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

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560.795 **(2)** (b) 9. Except as provided in par. (e) 3., the limit for tax benefits for the development opportunity zone under sub. (1) (i) is \$5,000,000.

**Section 5.** 560.795 (2) (e) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

560.795 (2) (e) 3. The department may extend the designation of an area under sub. (1) (i) as a development opportunity zone for an additional 60 months if the department determines that an extension will support economic development within the city. If the department grants an extension under this subdivision, the limit for tax benefits for the development opportunity zone under sub. (1) (i) is increased by \$5,000,000.

**SECTION 6.** 560.795 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

560.795 (3) (a) 4. Any person that is conducting or that intends to conduct economic activity in a development opportunity zone under sub. (1) (e), (f), (g), or (h), or (i) and that, in conjunction with the local governing body of the city in which the development opportunity zone is located, submits a project plan as described in par. (b) to the department shall be entitled to claim tax benefits while the area is designated as a development opportunity zone.

17 (END)