

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 282\***

Short Title: Expand Development Zones.

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Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Allran, Ballantine, Bingham, Carpenter, Carrington, Carter, Clodfelter, Dalton, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Garwood, Gulley, Hagan, Harris, Hartsell, Horton, Hoyle, Kinnaird, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Martin of Pitt, Metcalf, Miller, Moore, Odom, Plyler, Purcell, Rand, Robinson, Rucho, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Thomas, Warren, Weinstein, and Wellons.

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Referred to: Rural Development.

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March 1, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MAKE MORE MUNICIPALITIES ELIGIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT  
2 ZONES.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-129.3A(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) Development Zone Defined. – A development zone is an area comprised of  
7 one or more contiguous census tracts, census block groups, or both in the most recent  
8 federal decennial census that meets all of the following conditions:

9 (1) Every census tract and census block group in the zone is located in  
10 whole or in part within the primary corporate limits of a ~~city~~  
11 municipality with a population of more than ~~5,000~~1,000 according to  
12 the most recent annual population estimates certified by the State  
13 Planning Officer.

14 (2) It has a population of 1,000 or more according to the most recent  
15 annual population estimates certified by the State Planning Officer.

16 (3) More than twenty percent (20%) of its population is below the poverty  
17 level according to the most recent federal decennial census.

18 (4) Every census tract and census block group in the zone meets at least  
19 one of the following conditions:

20 a. More than ten percent (10%) of its population is below the  
21 poverty level according to the most recent federal decennial  
22 census.

- 1                   b.     It is immediately adjacent to another census tract or census  
2                   block group that is in the same zone and has more than twenty  
3                   percent (20%) of its population below the poverty level  
4                   according to the most recent federal decennial census.
- 5           (5)     None of the census tracts or census block groups in the zone is located  
6           in another development zone designated by the Secretary of  
7           Commerce."

8           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2002.