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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a project that may be undertaken by certain development corporations in connection with infrastructure improvements necessary for municipal area development and revitalization.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 501, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.108 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.108. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY CORPORATIONS AUTHORIZED BY CERTAIN COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES. (a)

This section applies only to a corporation the creation of which was authorized by a municipality that:

(1) has a population of 10,000 or more;

(2) is located in a county bordering the Gulf of Mexico or the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; and

(3) has, or is included in a metropolitan statistical area of this state that has, an unemployment rate that averaged at least two percent above the state average for the most recent two consecutive years for which statistics are available.

(b) For a corporation to which this section applies, "project" includes expenditures found by the board of directors to be required or suitable for infrastructure improvements necessary to develop and revitalize areas in the corporation's authorizing municipality, including:

(1) streets and roads, rail spurs, water and sewer

1 utilities, electric utilities, gas utilities, drainage, site  
2 improvements, and related improvements;

3 (2) telecommunications, data, or Internet  
4 improvements; or

5 (3) facilities designed to remediate, mitigate, or  
6 control erosion, including coastal erosion along the Gulf of Mexico  
7 or the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.