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# 52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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# AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; INCREASING THE TYPES OF BUSINESSES THAT ARE QUALIFIED ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT BY REMOVING THE GEOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO RETAIL BUSINESSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 5-10-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 297, Section 1) is amended to read:

"5-10-1. SHORT TITLE.--[This act] Chapter 5, Article 10 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Local Economic Development Act"."

**SECTION 2.** Section 5-10-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 297, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"5-10-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Local Economic Development Act:

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- A. "arts and cultural district" means a developed district of public and private uses that is created pursuant to the Arts and Cultural District Act;
- B. "cultural facility" means a facility that is owned by the state, a county, a municipality or a qualifying entity that serves the public through preserving, educating and promoting the arts and culture of a particular locale, including theaters, museums, libraries, galleries, cultural compounds, educational organizations, performing arts venues and organizations, fine arts organizations, studios and media laboratories and live-work housing facilities;
- C. "department" means the economic development
  department;
- D. "economic development project" or "project" means the provision of direct or indirect assistance to a qualifying entity by a local or regional government and includes the purchase, lease, grant, construction, reconstruction, improvement or other acquisition or conveyance of land, buildings or other infrastructure; public works improvements essential to the location or expansion of a qualifying entity; payments for professional services contracts necessary for local or regional governments to implement a plan or project; the provision of direct loans or grants for land, buildings or infrastructure; technical assistance to cultural facilities; loan guarantees securing the cost of land,

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buildings or infrastructure in an amount not to exceed the revenue that may be derived from the municipal infrastructure gross receipts tax or the county infrastructure gross receipts tax; grants for public works infrastructure improvements essential to the location or expansion of a qualifying entity; grants or subsidies to cultural facilities; purchase of land for a publicly held industrial park or a publicly owned cultural facility; and the construction of a building for use by a qualifying entity;

- "governing body" means the city council, city commission or board of trustees of a municipality or the board of county commissioners of a county;
- F. "local government" means a municipality or county;
- G. "municipality" means an incorporated city, town or village;
- "person" means an individual, corporation, association, partnership or other legal entity;
- "qualifying entity" means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, association or other person that is one or a combination of two or more of the following:
- an industry for the manufacturing, (1) processing or assembling of agricultural or manufactured products;

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1	(2) a commercial enterprise for storing,
2	warehousing, distributing or selling products of agriculture,
3	mining or industry, but, other than as provided in Paragraph
4	(5) [ <del>(6) or (9)</del> ] of this subsection, not including any
5	enterprise [ <del>for sale of goods or commodities at retail or</del> ] for
6	distribution to the public of electricity, gas, water or
7	telephone or other services commonly classified as public
8	utilities;
9	(3) a business in which all or part of the
10	activities of the business involves the supplying of services
11	to the general public or to governmental agencies or to a
12	specific industry or customer [but] other than as provided in
13	Paragraph (5) [ <del>or (9)</del> ] of this subsection [ <del>not including</del>
14	businesses primarily engaged in the sale of goods or
15	<pre>commodities at retail];</pre>
16	(4) an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo or a
17	federally chartered tribal corporation;
18	(5) a telecommunications sales enterprise that
19	makes the majority of its sales to persons outside New Mexico;
20	(6) a facility for the direct sales by growers
21	of agricultural products, commonly known as farmers' markets;
22	(7) a business that is the developer of a
23	metropolitan redevelopment project;
24	(8) a cultural facility; and

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J. "regional government" means any combination of
municipalities and counties that enter into a joint powers
agreement to provide for economic development projects pursuant
to a plan adopted by all parties to the joint powers agreement
and

K. "retail business" means a business that is
primarily engaged in the sale of goods or commodities at retail
[and that is located in a municipality with a population of ten
thousand or less]."

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