

HB 3214 -- MANUFACTURING OPPORTUNITY ZONES

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This bill establishes the "Manufacturing Opportunity Zones Act" to encourage large manufacturing developments by creating designated zones with access to essential infrastructure like transportation, electricity, gas, and water.

The bill exempts "qualified manufacturing companies," defined as businesses classified under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) manufacturing codes 31-33 that own all their property in Missouri or own property with an adjusted basis of at least \$1 million for tax purposes, from certain corporate income taxes starting in 2027.

This bill also directs the Department of Economic Development (DED) to create a fast-track permitting process for these zones. DED in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources must publish annual reports on utility readiness, and implement a small business loan guarantee program to support manufacturing investments.

The bill establishes a "Manufacturing Opportunity Zone Utility Fund" funded by a 1% user fee on utilities within the zones, which will be used to ensure sufficient utility capacity and access for these developments.