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H. R. 2222

To amend the Foreign Trade Zones Act to allow foreign trade zones to be established where a regional commission involving more than one State will coordinate zone activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 1993

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself and Mr. MACHTLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Act of June 18,
5 1934 (commonly known as the Foreign Trade Zones Act
6 (19 U.S.C. 81b)), is amended by adding at the end thereof
7 the following new subsection:

1 “(e) SPECIAL RULE FOR APPLICATIONS BY RE-
2 GIONAL COMMISSIONS.—

3 “(1) Notwithstanding subsection (b), additional
4 zones may be authorized in the case of an applica-
5 tion by a regional commission if the requirements of
6 paragraph (2) are met.

7 “(2) A regional commission may apply for and
8 be granted the privilege of establishing and main-
9 taining a foreign-trade zone which is located in 2 or
10 more States, if—

11 “(A) a plan to operate such zone is ap-
12 proved by the State legislature of each State
13 within such zone,

14 “(B) the overall commercial interests of
15 the United States will be served by the estab-
16 lishment of such zone,

17 “(C) the economic conditions of the region
18 in which the zone is to be located justify the es-
19 tablishment of the zone, and

20 “(D) the zone will be operated in accord-
21 ance with section 14.”.

22 (b) DEFINITION.—Section 1 of such Act (19 U.S.C.
23 81a) is amended by redesignating subsection (i) as sub-
24 section (j) and inserting after subsection (h) the following
25 new subsection:

1 “(i) The term ‘regional commission’ means a commis-
2 sion authorized by the legislature of 2 or more States to
3 engage in regional planning efforts for the purpose of es-
4 tablishing and coordinating the activities of 1 or more for-
5 eign trade zones in such States.”.

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