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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for the expansion of areas designated as renewal communities based on 2000 census data and to treat certain census tracts with low populations as low-income communities for purposes of the new markets tax credit.

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. EXPANSION OF DESIGNATED RENEWAL COM-
4	MUNITY AREA BASED ON 2000 CENSUS DATA.
5	(a) In General.—Section 1400E of the Internal
6	Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to designation of renewal
7	communities) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8	lowing new subsection:
9	"(g) Expansion of Designated Area Based on
10	2000 Census.—
11	"(1) In general.—At the request of all gov-
12	ernments which nominated an area as a renewal
13	community, the Secretary of Housing and Urban
14	Development may expand the area of such commu-
15	nity to include any census tract if—
16	"(A)(i) at the time such community was
17	nominated, such community would have met the
18	requirements of this section using 1990 census
19	data even if such tract had been included in
20	such community, and
21	"(ii) such tract has a poverty rate using
22	2000 census data which exceeds the poverty
23	rate for such tract using 1990 census data, or
24	"(B)(i) such community would be de-
25	scribed in subparagraph (A)(i) but for the fail-

1	ure to meet one or more of the requirements of
2	paragraphs $(2)(C)(i)$, $(3)(C)$, and $(3)(D)$ of
3	subsection (c) using 1990 census data,
4	"(ii) such community, including such tract,
5	has a population of not more than 200,000
6	using either 1990 census data or 2000 census
7	data,
8	"(iii) such tract meets the requirement of
9	subsection (c)(3)(C) using 2000 census data,
10	and
11	"(iv) such tract meets the requirement of
12	subparagraph (A)(ii).
13	"(2) Exception for certain census tracts
14	WITH LOW POPULATION IN 1990.—In the case of any
15	census tract which did not have a poverty rate deter-
16	mined by the Bureau of the Census using 1990 cen-
17	sus data, paragraph (1)(B) shall be applied without
18	regard to clause (iv) thereof.
19	"(3) Special rule for certain census
20	TRACTS WITH LOW POPULATION IN 2000.—At the re-
21	quest of all governments which nominated an area
22	as a renewal community, the Secretary of Housing
23	and Urban Development may expand the area of
24	such community to include any census tract if—
25	"(A) either—

1	"(i) such tract has no population
2	using 2000 census data, or
3	"(ii) no poverty rate for such tract is
4	determined by the Bureau of the Census
5	using 2000 census data,
6	"(B) such tract is one of general distress,
7	and
8	"(C) such community, including such tract,
9	meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A)
10	and (B) of subsection $(c)(2)$.
11	"(4) Period in Effect.—Any expansion
12	under this subsection shall take effect as provided in
13	subsection (b).".
14	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
15	subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the
16	amendments made by section 101 of the Community Re-
17	newal Tax Relief Act of 2000.
18	SEC. 2. POPULATION CENSUS TRACTS WITH LOW POPU-
19	LATIONS TREATED AS LOW-INCOME COMMU-
20	NITIES FOR PURPOSES OF NEW MARKETS
21	TAX CREDIT.
22	(a) In General.—Subsection (e) of section 45D of
23	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to low-income
24	community) is amended by adding at the end the following
25	new paragraph:

1	"(4) Tracts with low population.—A pop-
2	ulation census tract with a population of less than
3	2,000 shall be treated as a low-income community
4	for purposes of this section if such tract—
5	"(A) is within an empowerment zone, the
6	designation of which is in effect under section
7	1391, and
8	"(B) is contiguous to one or more low-in-
9	come communities (determined without regard
10	to this paragraph).".
11	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
12	this section shall apply to investments made after the date
13	of the enactment of this Act.
	Passed the House of Representatives May 17, 2004.
	Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,
	Clerk.