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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN SHOPPING DISTRICT

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5447 AS INTRODUCED 2-6-90

The Shopping Areas Redevelopment Act provides for the redevelopment of principal shopping areas in certain cities and authorizes a city with a physical development master plan to do various things to help promote or maintain a principal shopping area through a redevelopment project, such as regulating traffic, building parking lots, and the like.

The bill would amend the act to permit a qualifying city to promote economic activity in the "principal shopping district" (instead of a "shopping area") by undertakings including, but not limited to, conducting research and public relations campaigns, developing and coordinating retail and institutional promotions, and sponsoring special events and related activities. ("Principal shopping district" would mean a portion of a city defined by the city's legislative body that was predominately commercial and contained at least 10 retail businesses.)

The bill specifies that there would be a rebuttable presumption that a principal shopping district project would benefit specially all nonresidential properties located within the principal shopping district. If a city charter authorized special assessments but did not authorize them for the act's purposes, the charter's authorizing provisions would be made applicable to the act's purposes without amendment to the charter. Finally, the bill specifies that powers granted by the act would be in addition to and not in derogation of any other powers granted by law or charter.

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