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# S. 999

To amend the Foreign Trade Zones Act to allow foreign trade zones to be established where a regional commission involving more than 1 State will coordinate zone activities.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20 (legislative day, APRIL 19), 1993

Mr. CHAFEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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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