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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **More Jobs for Marylanders Act of 2017**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the More Jobs for Marylanders Program within the  
4 Department of Commerce to provide certain manufacturing business entities tax  
5 credits and benefits for a certain number of years; providing that certain business  
6 entities receiving tax credits under certain programs are not eligible to receive the  
7 credits or benefits under the Program; requiring the Department to administer the  
8 Program; authorizing certain types of businesses to receive certain credits and  
9 benefits under the Program; providing for the termination of certain business  
10 entities from the Program under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of  
11 the Department to ~~establish~~ adopt any regulation necessary to implement the  
12 Program; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before  
13 a certain date; providing that certain business entities certified under the Program  
14 are not required to pay certain fees; establishing a Workforce Development Sequence  
15 Scholarship to be administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the  
16 Maryland Higher Education Commission; authorizing an individual to apply to the  
17 Office for a scholarship if the individual is an eligible student; providing for the uses  
18 of the scholarship; establishing the maximum award amount of the scholarship;  
19 requiring the Governor annually to include at least a certain appropriation in the  
20 State budget to the Commission for the Workforce Development Sequence

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Scholarship; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to the General  
2 Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the evaluation of a certain  
3 tax credit and certain sales and use tax refunds on or before a certain date; allowing  
4 a credit against the State income tax for certain income of business entities certified  
5 under the Program; ~~authorizing an exemption from the State sales and use tax for~~  
6 ~~certain costs of certain business entities certified under the Program;~~ providing a  
7 credit against the State property tax for certain business entities certified under the  
8 Program; requiring certain manufacturing businesses to apply for a tax credit  
9 certificate from the Department under certain circumstances; authorizing the  
10 Department to provide for the form and content of the application; authorizing the  
11 Department to issue tax credit certificates, subject to certain limitations; limiting  
12 the total credit amounts for which the Department may issue initial credit  
13 certificates for each fiscal year; requiring the Department to give priority to certain  
14 manufacturing businesses under certain circumstances and to notify the  
15 Comptroller of the amount of any tax credit certificates issued; establishing the More  
16 Jobs for Marylanders Tax Credit Reserve Fund; requiring the Governor to include a  
17 certain appropriation to the Reserve Fund in the annual budget bill for certain fiscal  
18 years; requiring the Comptroller to transfer certain amounts from the Reserve Fund  
19 to the General Fund under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to  
20 report to the Governor and the General Assembly certain information regarding the  
21 tax credit; requiring the Department and the Comptroller to jointly adopt certain  
22 regulations; authorizing certain manufacturing businesses to claim a refund for the  
23 sales and use tax imposed on the sale of certain personal property or services and  
24 paid by the business entity during the preceding calendar year; requiring the  
25 business entity, in order to receive the refund, to file with the Department, on or  
26 after a certain date, a certain claim and provide to the Department certain evidence;  
27 establishing the More Jobs for Marylanders Sales and Use Tax Refund Reserve  
28 Fund; requiring the Department to pay certain claims for refunds of the sales and  
29 use tax from the Reserve Fund; requiring the Governor to include a certain  
30 appropriation to the Reserve Fund in the annual budget bill in certain fiscal years;  
31 requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing an exemption for  
32 certain property of a manufacturing entity from a certain limitation on the  
33 applicability of certain Maryland income tax modifications for certain deductions for  
34 the cost of business property placed in service that is treated as an expense for  
35 federal income tax purposes; providing an exemption for certain property of a  
36 manufacturing entity from a certain limitation on the applicability of certain  
37 Maryland income tax modifications for a certain additional depreciation allowance  
38 under the federal income tax for business property placed in service; defining certain  
39 terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain tax  
40 credits, ~~exemptions,~~ and other benefits for certain manufacturing businesses.

41 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
42 Article – Economic Development  
43 Section 1–101(a), (b), (e), and (f)  
44 Annotated Code of Maryland  
45 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

- 1 BY adding to  
2 Article – Economic Development  
3 Section 6–801 through ~~6–809 6–810~~ to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. More  
4 Jobs for Marylanders Program”  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Corporations and Associations  
9 Section 1–203.1  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 18–101(a) through (c)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Education  
19 Section 18–3301 through 18–3304 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 33.  
20 Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships”  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – Tax – General  
25 Section 1–303(a) and 10–210.1(a) and (b)(1) and (3)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2016 Replacement Volume)
- 28 BY adding to  
29 Article – Tax – General  
30 Section ~~10–741 and 11–233 1–303(h) and 10–741~~ 1–303(h), 10–741, and 11–411  
31 Annotated Code of Maryland  
32 (2016 Replacement Volume)
- 33 BY adding to  
34 Article – Tax – Property  
35 Section 9–110  
36 Annotated Code of Maryland  
37 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 38 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
39 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Economic Development**

1–101.

(a) In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “County” means a county of the State or Baltimore City.

(e) (1) “Qualified distressed county” means a county with:

(i) an average rate of unemployment for the most recent 24–month period for which data are available that exceeds 150% of the average rate of unemployment for the State during that period; or

(ii) an average per capita personal income for the most recent 24–month period for which data are available that is equal to or less than 67% of the average per capita personal income for the State during that period.

(2) “Qualified distressed county” includes a county that:

(i) no longer meets either criterion stated in paragraph (1) of this subsection; but

(ii) has met at least one of the criteria at some time during the preceding 24–month period.

(f) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

**SUBTITLE 8. MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS PROGRAM.****6–801.**

**(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(B) “BENEFIT YEAR” MEANS A TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY CLAIMS A PROGRAM BENEFIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6–805 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

**(C) (1) “BUSINESS ENTITY” MEANS A PERSON CONDUCTING OR OPERATING A TRADE OR BUSINESS THAT IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS), UNITED STATES MANUAL, UNITED STATES OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, 2012 EDITION, WOULD BE INCLUDED IN SECTOR 31, 32, OR 33.**

1           **(2) “BUSINESS ENTITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE A REFINER, AS DEFINED**  
 2 **IN 10–101 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.**

3           **(D) “ELIGIBLE PROJECT” MEANS A FACILITY OPERATED BY A BUSINESS**  
 4 **ENTITY IN A ~~QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY~~ TIER I COUNTY OR TIER II COUNTY.**

5           **(E) “EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY” MEANS A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS**  
 6 **LOCATED IN THE STATE AT THE TIME IT NOTIFIES THE DEPARTMENT UNDER §**  
 7 **6–803(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

8           **(F) “NEW BUSINESS ENTITY” MEANS A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS NOT**  
 9 **LOCATED IN THE STATE AT THE TIME IT NOTIFIES THE DEPARTMENT UNDER §**  
 10 **6–803(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

11           **(G) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS PROGRAM**  
 12 **ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

13           **(H) “QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY” MEANS A NEW BUSINESS ENTITY OR AN**  
 14 **EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY OPERATING AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT UNDER THIS**  
 15 **SUBTITLE.**

16           ~~**(I) “QUALIFIED INCOME” MEANS A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY’S INCOME**~~  
 17 ~~**ATTRIBUTABLE TO ACTIVITIES AT AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.**~~

18           ~~**(J)**~~ **(I) (1) “QUALIFIED POSITION” MEANS A POSITION THAT:**  
 19                                   **(I) IS FULL–TIME AND OF INDEFINITE DURATION;**  
 20                                   **(II) PAYS AT LEAST ~~150% OF THE FEDERAL~~ 120% OF THE STATE**  
 21 **MINIMUM WAGE;**  
 22                                   **(III) IS LOCATED IN A FACILITY;**  
 23                                   **(IV) IS NEWLY CREATED AT A SINGLE FACILITY IN THE STATE;**  
 24 **AND**  
 25                                   **(V) IS FILLED.**

26           **(2) “QUALIFIED POSITION” DOES NOT INCLUDE A POSITION THAT IS:**  
 27                                   **(I) CREATED WHEN AN EMPLOYMENT FUNCTION IS SHIFTED**  
 28 **FROM AN EXISTING FACILITY OF A BUSINESS ENTITY IN THE STATE TO ANOTHER**  
 29 **FACILITY OF THE SAME BUSINESS ENTITY IF THE POSITION IS NOT A NET NEW JOB**  
 30 **IN THE STATE;**

1 (II) CREATED THROUGH A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF A TRADE  
2 OR BUSINESS;

3 (III) CREATED THROUGH A CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, OR  
4 RESTRUCTURING OF A BUSINESS ENTITY IF THE POSITION IS NOT A NET NEW JOB IN  
5 THE STATE;

6 (IV) CREATED WHEN AN EMPLOYMENT FUNCTION IS  
7 CONTRACTUALLY SHIFTED FROM AN EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY TO ANOTHER  
8 BUSINESS ENTITY IN THE STATE IF THE POSITION IS NOT A NET NEW JOB IN THE  
9 STATE; OR

10 (V) FILLED FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN 12 MONTHS.

11 (J) “TIER I COUNTY” MEANS:

12 (1) A QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY, AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF  
13 THIS ARTICLE;

14 (2) A COUNTY IN WHICH THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR  
15 THE MOST RECENT 24-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE EXCEEDS  
16 THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE BY AT LEAST 2 PERCENTAGE  
17 POINTS; OR

18 (3) A COUNTY DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A TIER I  
19 COUNTY UNDER § 6-804 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THAT IS NOT A COUNTY DESCRIBED  
20 IN PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

21 (K) “TIER II COUNTY” MEANS A COUNTY THAT IS NOT A COUNTY DESCRIBED  
22 IN SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION.

23 6-802.

24 (A) THERE IS A MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS PROGRAM IN THE  
25 DEPARTMENT.

26 (B) A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER THE ONE  
27 MARYLAND TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, THE JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM,  
28 THE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM, OR ANY OTHER JOBS-BASED TAX BENEFIT  
29 PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO  
30 SIMULTANEOUSLY RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

31 6-803.

1 (A) A BUSINESS ENTITY MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT TO ENROLL AN  
2 ELIGIBLE PROJECT IN THE PROGRAM IF THE ELIGIBLE PROJECT:

3 (1) IS IN A TIER I COUNTY AND THE BUSINESS ENTITY INTENDS TO  
4 CREATE AT LEAST FIVE QUALIFIED POSITIONS AT THE PROJECT LOCATION; OR

5 (2) IS IN A TIER II COUNTY AND THE BUSINESS ENTITY INTENDS TO  
6 CREATE AT LEAST 10 QUALIFIED POSITIONS AT THE PROJECT LOCATION.

7 (B) (1) A NEW BUSINESS ENTITY MAY NOT BE CERTIFIED AS A QUALIFIED  
8 BUSINESS ENTITY UNLESS THE NEW BUSINESS ENTITY NOTIFIES THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF ITS INTENT TO SEEK DESIGNATION OF AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT BEFORE  
10 ESTABLISHING ITS FACILITY IN THE STATE.

11 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CERTIFY A NEW BUSINESS ENTITY AS A  
12 QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY AFTER THE NEW BUSINESS ENTITY PROVIDES THE  
13 REQUIRED NOTICE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, APPLIES TO THE  
14 DEPARTMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AND ESTABLISHES ~~AND~~  
15 ~~OPERATES A FACILITY IN A QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY~~ AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

16 (3) A NEW BUSINESS ENTITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AN  
17 APPLICATION CONTAINING AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

18 (I) THE ANTICIPATED DATE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
19 INITIAL OPERATION OF THE FACILITY AND THE NATURE OF ITS OPERATIONS;

20 (II) THE EXPECTED LOCATION OF THE FACILITY;

21 (III) ~~THE ESTIMATED NUMBER, PAYROLL, AND TYPE OF~~  
22 ~~EMPLOYEES TO BE HIRED AT THE FACILITY;~~ THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF QUALIFIED  
23 POSITIONS TO BE CREATED AND QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES TO BE HIRED AND THE  
24 ANTICIPATED PAYROLL OF THE NEW QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES; AND

25 (IV) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.

26 (C) (1) AN EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY MAY APPLY TO BE CERTIFIED AS A  
27 QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY IF THE EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY INCREASES THE  
28 NUMBER OF QUALIFIED POSITIONS ~~AT A FACILITY LOCATED IN A QUALIFIED~~  
29 ~~DISTRESSED COUNTY~~ AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR  
30 AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT IN A TIER I OR TIER II COUNTY.

31 (2) AN EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY MAY NOT BE CERTIFIED AS A  
32 QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY UNLESS THE BUSINESS ENTITY NOTIFIES THE

1 DEPARTMENT OF ITS INTENT TO SEEK DESIGNATION OF AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT  
2 PRIOR TO HIRING ANY EMPLOYEES TO FILL THE QUALIFIED POSITIONS NECESSARY  
3 TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

4 (3) AN EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION  
5 TO THE DEPARTMENT CONTAINING AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

6 (I) THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES EXISTING BEFORE  
7 THE EXPANSION AND THE PAYROLL OF THE EXISTING EMPLOYEES;

8 (II) THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF QUALIFIED POSITIONS TO BE  
9 CREATED AND QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES TO BE HIRED AND THE ANTICIPATED  
10 PAYROLL OF THE NEW QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES; AND

11 (III) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
12 REQUIRES.

13 (D) ~~(4)~~ A BUSINESS ENTITY MUST BEGIN HIRING THE EMPLOYEES TO FILL  
14 THE QUALIFIED POSITIONS NECESSARY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
15 SUBTITLE WITHIN 12 MONTHS AFTER IT NOTIFIES THE DEPARTMENT OF ITS INTENT  
16 TO SEEK DESIGNATION OF AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

17 6-804.

18 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE A COUNTY AS A TIER I COUNTY  
19 IF, AFTER APPLICATION OF THE SCORING SYSTEM DEVELOPED UNDER  
20 SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY IS RANKED IN ONE OF THE  
21 TOP THREE POSITIONS.

22 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A SCORING SYSTEM IN  
23 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
25 DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIGN A SCORE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING INDICATORS:

26 (I) FOR THE MOST RECENT 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH  
27 DATA ARE AVAILABLE:

28 1. THE AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE  
29 COUNTY, WHICH SHALL ACCOUNT FOR 50% OF THE SCORE; AND

30 2. THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE COUNTY,  
31 WHICH SHALL ACCOUNT FOR 30% OF THE SCORE; AND



1 (II) THE OVERALL POPULATION OF THE COUNTY, AS MEASURED  
 2 BY THE MOST RECENT UNITED STATES CENSUS, WHICH SHALL ACCOUNT FOR 20%  
 3 OF THE SCORE.

4 (2) THE SCORE FOR EACH INDICATOR UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
 5 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

6 (I) THE HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE COUNTY WITH THE HIGHEST  
 7 AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE;

8 (II) THE HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE COUNTY WITH THE LOWEST  
 9 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME; AND

10 (III) THE HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE COUNTY WITH THE HIGHEST  
 11 OVERALL POPULATION.

12 ~~6-804. 6-805.~~

13 (A) THE PROGRAM BENEFITS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE  
 14 CLAIMED BY A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY FOR UP TO 10 CONSECUTIVE BENEFIT  
 15 YEARS.

16 ~~(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, ON ENROLLMENT IN~~  
 17 ~~THE PROGRAM, A NEW BUSINESS ENTITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR:~~

18 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ON ENROLLMENT IN  
 19 THE PROGRAM:

20 (1) A NEW BUSINESS ENTITY IN A TIER I COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE FOR:

21 ~~(1)~~ (I) A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME TAX, ESTABLISHED  
 22 UNDER § 10-741(B) OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE;

23 ~~(2)~~ (II) A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE PROPERTY TAX,  
 24 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-110 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE;

25 (III) A REFUND OF SALES AND USE TAX PAID DURING THE  
 26 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, AS PROVIDED UNDER § 11-411 OF THE  
 27 TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE; AND

28 ~~(3) AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX, ESTABLISHED~~  
 29 ~~UNDER § 11-233 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE; AND~~

1           ~~(4)~~ ~~(III)~~ (IV) A WAIVER OF FEES CHARGED BY THE STATE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION, ESTABLISHED UNDER § 1-203.1 OF  
3 THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE; AND

4           (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN  
5 EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY IN A TIER I LOCATION AND A QUALIFIED BUSINESS  
6 ENTITY IN A TIER II LOCATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE  
7 INCOME TAX, ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-741(B) OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE.

8           (C) THE INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-741(B) OF THE TAX  
9 – GENERAL ARTICLE IS AND SALES AND USE TAX REFUND PROVIDED UNDER §  
10 11-411 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO AN EXISTING  
11 BUSINESS ENTITY IF THE ENTITY MOVES ITS FACILITY TO ANOTHER COUNTY IN THE  
12 STATE ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2017.

13           ~~(C) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, ON ENROLLMENT IN~~  
14 ~~THE PROGRAM, AN EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR A CREDIT AGAINST~~  
15 ~~THE STATE INCOME TAX, ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-741(C) OF THE TAX – GENERAL~~  
16 ~~ARTICLE.~~

17           (D) IF THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED POSITIONS AT THE ELIGIBLE PROJECT  
18 DECREASES TO A NUMBER ~~EQUAL TO OR~~ LESS THAN THE NUMBER ESTABLISHED IN  
19 THE FIRST BENEFIT YEAR, THE PROJECT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM  
20 AND ALL PROGRAM BENEFITS TERMINATE.

21 ~~6-805.~~ 6-806.

22           (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY  
23 A CERTIFICATE THAT:

24           (1) CERTIFIES THE ELIGIBLE PROJECT THAT IS ENROLLED IN THE  
25 PROGRAM;

26           (2) CERTIFIES THE PROGRAM BENEFITS THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS  
27 ENTITY MAY CLAIM;

28           (3) PROVIDES THE DURATION OF THE CERTIFICATION; AND

29           (4) PROVIDES ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE  
30 COMPTROLLER AND DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

31           (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT PROVIDE A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY A  
32 CERTIFICATE ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2020.

1 ~~6-806.~~ 6-807.

2 (A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE ITS CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS  
3 SUBTITLE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IF ANY REPRESENTATION MADE BY A QUALIFIED  
4 BUSINESS ENTITY IS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE BEEN FALSE  
5 WHEN MADE.

6 (B) IF THE DEPARTMENT REVOKES ITS CERTIFICATION AS PROVIDED  
7 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMPTROLLER MAY MAKE AN  
8 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY TO RECAPTURE ANY  
9 AMOUNT OF A TAX CREDIT, ~~AN EXEMPTION,~~ OR ANY OTHER BENEFIT THAT THE  
10 QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY HAS RECEIVED.

11 ~~6-807.~~ 6-808.

12 (A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THAT ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED  
13 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE BE VERIFIED BY AN INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
14 ACCOUNTANT THAT THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY AND THE DEPARTMENT  
15 SELECT.

16 (B) (1) ACCEPTANCE BY A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY OF THE  
17 PROGRAM BENEFITS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE DEEMED TO AUTHORIZE THE  
18 COMPTROLLER TO SHARE WITH THE DEPARTMENT ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED  
19 FROM A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY ABOUT ELIGIBILITY FOR A BENEFIT ALLOWED  
20 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (2) INFORMATION THAT IS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR  
22 COMPTROLLER UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO  
23 CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY LAW.

24 ~~6-808.~~ 6-809.

25 THE SECRETARY MAY ~~ESTABLISH~~ ADOPT ANY REGULATION NECESSARY AND  
26 APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

27 ~~6-809.~~ 6-810.

28 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT  
29 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE  
30 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITIES RECEIVING FINAL  
31 CERTIFICATION IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

32 Article – Corporations and Associations

1 1–203.1.

2 (A) With the exception of the recording fee to be paid when the Department  
3 accepts articles of incorporation for record, a volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue  
4 squad incorporated in this State is not subject to any of the recording, filing, or special fees  
5 enumerated in § 1–203 of this subtitle.

6 (B) **A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY IN A TIER I COUNTY THAT IS A NEW**  
7 **BUSINESS ENTITY, AS DEFINED UNDER THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS**  
8 **PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE ECONOMIC**  
9 **DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE, IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE FEES ENUMERATED IN § 1–203**  
10 **OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

11 **Article – Education**

12 **18–101.**

13 (a) **In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.**

14 (b) **“Commission” means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.**

15 (c) **“Office” means the Office of Student Financial Assistance.**

16 **SUBTITLE 33. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

17 **18–3301.**

18 (A) **IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
19 **INDICATED.**

20 (B) **“ELIGIBLE STUDENT” MEANS A STUDENT WHO:**

21 (1) **IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT OR HAS GRADUATED FROM A**  
22 **MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL; AND**

23 (2) **IS ENROLLED IN A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE AT A**  
24 **PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE.**

25 (C) (1) **“WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE” MEANS A PROGRAM**  
26 **OFFERED BY A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AND**  
27 **IS COMPOSED OF COURSES THAT ARE RELATED TO:**

28 (I) **JOB PREPARATION OR AN APPRENTICESHIP;**

29 (II) **LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION; OR**

1                   **(III) JOB SKILL ENHANCEMENT.**

2                   **(2) "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE" DOES NOT INCLUDE A**  
3 **SEQUENCE OF COURSES LEADING TO AN ASSOCIATE'S OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE.**

4                   **(D) "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIP" MEANS AN**  
5 **AWARD MADE TO AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

6 **18-3302.**

7                   **(A) THERE IS A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIP**  
8 **ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE.**

9                   **(B) IN AWARDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
10 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER:**

11                   **(1) AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT'S FINANCIAL NEED; AND**

12                   **(2) LOCAL WORKFORCE NEEDS.**

13 **18-3303.**

14                   **(A) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO THE OFFICE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER**  
15 **THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT.**

16                   **(B) AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
17 **SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY USE THE AWARD FOR**  
18 **TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, AND OTHER ASSOCIATED COSTS OF ATTENDANCE.**

19                   **(C) THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO AN ELIGIBLE**  
20 **STUDENT MAY NOT EXCEED \$2,000.**

21                   **(D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET AN**  
22 **APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$1,000,000 TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE**  
23 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIP.**

24 **18-3304.**

25                   **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT**  
26 **TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE**  
27 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:**

28                   **(1) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A WORKFORCE**  
29 **DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIP;**

1 **(2) THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD MADE TO EACH RECIPIENT;**

2 **(3) THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT THE RECIPIENT ATTENDED; AND**

3 **(4) THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE IN WHICH THE**  
 4 **RECIPIENT ENROLLED.**

5 **Article – Tax – General**

6 **1–303.**

7 (a) An evaluation shall be made of the tax credits on or before the dates specified  
 8 in subsections (b) through [(e)] (H) of this section.

9 **(H) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, AN EVALUATION SHALL BE MADE OF THE**  
 10 **TAX CREDIT UNDER § 10–741 OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE SALES AND USE TAX**  
 11 **REFUND UNDER § 11–411 OF THIS ARTICLE (MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS TAX**  
 12 **CREDIT).**

13 **10–741.**

14 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE ~~MEANING~~  
 15 MEANINGS INDICATED.

16 (2) “BUSINESS ENTITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6–801 OF THE  
 17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

18 (3) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

19 ~~(3)~~ (4) “ELIGIBLE PROJECT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6–801  
 20 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

21 ~~(4)~~ (5) “EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED  
 22 IN § 6–801 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

23 ~~(5)~~ (6) “NEW BUSINESS ENTITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
 24 6–801 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

25 ~~(6)~~ (7) “QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED  
 26 IN § 6–801 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

27 ~~(7) “QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN~~  
 28 ~~§ 1–101(E) OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.~~

1 ~~(8) "QUALIFIED INCOME" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6-801 OF~~  
 2 ~~THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.~~

3 ~~(9) (8) "QUALIFIED POSITION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §~~  
 4 ~~6-801 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.~~

5 ~~(B) AN INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATION THAT IS A NEW BUSINESS ENTITY AND~~  
 6 ~~A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME~~  
 7 ~~TAX APPLICABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED INCOME OF THE ENTITY DURING THE TAXABLE~~  
 8 ~~YEAR.~~

9 ~~(C) (B) (1) AN~~ SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AN  
 10 INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATION THAT IS ~~AN EXISTING BUSINESS ENTITY AND A~~  
 11 QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME  
 12 TAX EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT ~~PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS~~  
 13 ~~SUBSECTION~~ STATED IN THE FINAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE APPROVED BY THE  
 14 DEPARTMENT FOR AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

15 (2) THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AUTHORIZED UNDER PARAGRAPH  
 16 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF:

17 (I) THE STATE EMPLOYER WITHHOLDING AMOUNT, WHICH IS  
 18 EQUAL TO THE HIGHEST TAX RATE LISTED IN § 10-105(A) OF THIS TITLE; AND

19 (II) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WAGES PAID FOR EACH QUALIFIED  
 20 POSITION AT AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

21 (3) IF THE TAX CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IN ANY  
 22 TAXABLE YEAR EXCEEDS THE TOTAL TAX OTHERWISE PAYABLE BY THE QUALIFIED  
 23 BUSINESS ENTITY FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR, THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY MAY  
 24 CLAIM A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF THE EXCESS.

25 ~~(3) FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR, THE CREDIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH~~  
 26 ~~MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF QUALIFIED INCOME OF THE ENTITY.~~

27 ~~(D) (1) THE UNUSED AMOUNT OF A CREDIT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS~~  
 28 ~~SECTION MAY NOT BE CARRIED OVER TO ANY OTHER TAXABLE YEAR.~~

29 ~~(2) IF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IN ANY TAXABLE~~  
 30 ~~YEAR EXCEEDS THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR, AN INDIVIDUAL~~  
 31 ~~OR A CORPORATION MAY CLAIM A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF THE EXCESS.~~

32 (C) (1) ON ENROLLMENT IN THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS  
 33 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE ECONOMIC

1 DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE, A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY SHALL APPLY TO THE  
2 DEPARTMENT FOR A TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE.

3 (2) THE APPLICATION SHALL BE IN THE FORM AND SHALL CONTAIN  
4 THE INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.

5 (3) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION,  
6 THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE TO A QUALIFIED  
7 BUSINESS ENTITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT DETERMINED  
8 UNDER SECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (II) IN DETERMINING THE ALLOCATION OF THE AGGREGATE  
10 TAX CREDIT AMOUNTS AVAILABLE IN A FISCAL YEAR AS PROVIDED UNDER  
11 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO  
12 APPLICATIONS FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS IN A TIER I COUNTY, AS DEFINED UNDER §  
13 6-801 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

14 (D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "RESERVE FUND" MEANS THE MORE JOBS  
15 FOR MARYLANDERS TAX CREDIT RESERVE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER  
16 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

17 (2) (I) THERE IS A MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS TAX CREDIT  
18 RESERVE FUND THAT IS A SPECIAL CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT  
19 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

20 (II) THE MONEY IN THE RESERVE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED  
21 AND REINVESTED BY THE TREASURER, AND INTEREST AND EARNINGS SHALL BE  
22 CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

23 (3) (I) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
24 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE AN INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE IN AN AMOUNT  
25 EQUAL TO A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL WAGES PAID FOR EACH QUALIFIED POSITION  
26 AT AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT AS CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS  
27 SECTION.

28 (II) AN INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS  
29 SUBSECTION SHALL STATE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TAX CREDIT FOR WHICH THE  
30 QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY IS ELIGIBLE.

31 (III) 1. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS  
32 SUBPARAGRAPH, FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE INITIAL  
33 TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES FOR CREDIT AMOUNTS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTALING  
34 MORE THAN ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$9,000,000 IN A FISCAL YEAR.



1                   **2. IF THE AGGREGATE CREDIT AMOUNTS UNDER INITIAL**  
2 **TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN A FISCAL YEAR TOTAL LESS THAN THE**  
3 **MAXIMUM PROVIDED UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, ANY EXCESS AMOUNT**  
4 **SHALL REMAIN IN THE RESERVE FUND AND MAY BE ISSUED UNDER INITIAL TAX**  
5 **CREDIT CERTIFICATES FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.**

6                   **3. FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, IF FUNDS ARE TRANSFERRED**  
7 **FROM THE RESERVE FUND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ANY PROVISION OF LAW**  
8 **OTHER THAN UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE MAXIMUM CREDIT**  
9 **AMOUNTS IN THE AGGREGATE FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE INITIAL**  
10 **TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT TRANSFERRED.**

11                   **(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**  
12 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN**  
13 **APPROPRIATION TO THE RESERVE FUND IN AN AMOUNT THAT IS NO LESS THAN THE**  
14 **AMOUNT THE DEPARTMENT REPORTS IS NECESSARY UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF**  
15 **THIS SECTION TO:**

16                   **1. MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF MANUFACTURING**  
17 **ACTIVITY IN THE STATE; AND**

18                   **2. ATTRACT NEW MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY TO THE**  
19 **STATE.**

20                   **(V) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 7-213 OF THE**  
21 **STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT REDUCE**  
22 **AN APPROPRIATION TO THE RESERVE FUND IN THE STATE BUDGET AS APPROVED**  
23 **BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

24                   **(VI) BASED ON AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO A PERCENTAGE OF THE**  
25 **TOTAL ACTUAL WAGES PAID FOR EACH QUALIFIED POSITION AT AN ELIGIBLE**  
26 **PROJECT AS CALCULATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
27 **DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A FINAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE TO THE QUALIFIED**  
28 **BUSINESS ENTITY.**

29                   **(4) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, MONEY**  
30 **APPROPRIATED TO THE RESERVE FUND SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND.**

31                   **(II) 1. WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR**  
32 **QUARTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE COMPTROLLER AS TO EACH FINAL**  
33 **CREDIT CERTIFICATE ISSUED DURING THE QUARTER:**

34                   **A. THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNT STATED IN THE**  
35 **INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE FOR THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY; AND**

1 B. THE FINAL CERTIFIED CREDIT AMOUNT FOR THE  
2 QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY.

3 2. ON NOTIFICATION THAT A FINAL CREDIT AMOUNT  
4 HAS BEEN CERTIFIED, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL TRANSFER AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO  
5 THE CREDIT AMOUNT STATED IN THE INITIAL TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE FOR THE  
6 QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY FROM THE RESERVE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

7 (E) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT  
8 TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
9 ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS NECESSARY  
10 TO:

11 (1) MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY IN  
12 THE STATE; AND

13 (2) ATTRACT NEW MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY TO THE STATE.

14 (F) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMPTROLLER JOINTLY SHALL ADOPT  
15 REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND TO SPECIFY  
16 CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION FOR, APPROVAL OF, AND  
17 MONITORING OF CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS  
18 SECTION.

19 ~~11-233.~~ 11-411.

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
21 INDICATED.

22 (2) "BUSINESS ENTITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6-801 OF THE  
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

24 (3) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

25 ~~(3)~~ (4) "ELIGIBLE PROJECT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6-801  
26 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

27 ~~(4)~~ (5) "NEW BUSINESS ENTITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
28 6-801 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

29 ~~(5)~~ (6) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS  
30 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE ECONOMIC  
31 DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

1           ~~(6)~~ (7)       “QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY” MEANS A NEW BUSINESS  
2 ENTITY OPERATING AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE  
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

4           ~~(7)~~ (8)       “QUALIFIED PERSONAL PROPERTY OR SERVICES” MEANS  
5 PERSONAL PROPERTY OR SERVICES PURCHASED FOR USE AT AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT  
6 BY A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.

7           (9)       “RESERVE FUND” MEANS THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS  
8 SALES AND USE TAX REFUND RESERVE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

9           (B)       ~~THE SALES AND USE TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
10 § 6-805(B) OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE AND SUBJECT TO  
11 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY IS ENTITLED TO  
12 A REFUND FOR THE AMOUNT OF SALES AND USE TAX PAID BY THE QUALIFIED  
13 BUSINESS ENTITY DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR FOR A  
14 SALE OF QUALIFIED PERSONAL PROPERTY OR SERVICES MADE ON OR AFTER  
15 JANUARY 1, 2018, IF:

16           ~~(1)~~       THE QUALIFIED PERSONAL PROPERTY OR SERVICES ARE  
17 PURCHASED BY THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY SOLELY FOR USE AT AN ELIGIBLE  
18 PROJECT WHILE THE PROJECT IS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM;~~AND~~

19           ~~(2)~~       ~~THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY PROVIDES THE VENDOR WITH A~~  
20 ~~CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION ISSUED BY THE COMPTROLLER IN THE SAME~~  
21 ~~CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE EXEMPTION IS SOUGHT.~~

22           ~~(C) (1) EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHALL PROVIDE A~~  
23 ~~LIST TO THE COMPTROLLER OF QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE~~  
24 ~~FOR THE EXEMPTION AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THAT CALENDAR~~  
25 ~~YEAR.~~

26           ~~(2) EACH YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ISSUE SALES AND USE TAX~~  
27 ~~EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES TO ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITIES,~~  
28 ~~DISPLAYING AN EXPIRATION DATE THAT IS THE LAST DAY OF THE CALENDAR YEAR~~  
29 ~~OF ISSUANCE.~~

30           (C)       A QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY MAY CLAIM THE REFUND AUTHORIZED  
31 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION BY:

32           (1)       ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY  
33 FOLLOWING THE PURCHASE OF THE QUALIFIED PERSONAL PROPERTY OR  
34 SERVICES, FILING A CLAIM FOR REFUND WITH THE DEPARTMENT; AND

1           **(2) PROVIDING THE DEPARTMENT ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE**  
2 **DEPARTMENT REQUIRES BY REGULATION.**

3           **(D) (1) THERE IS A MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS SALES AND USE TAX**  
4 **REFUND RESERVE FUND THAT IS A SPECIAL CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT**  
5 **IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

6           **(2) THE MONEY IN THE RESERVE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND**  
7 **REINVESTED BY THE STATE TREASURER, AND INTEREST AND EARNINGS SHALL BE**  
8 **CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND.**

9           **(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REFUND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL**  
10 **TO THE AMOUNT CLAIMED BY THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY UNDER**  
11 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

12           **(4) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS**  
13 **SUBPARAGRAPH, FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE SALES**  
14 **AND USE TAX REFUNDS IN AMOUNTS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTALING MORE THAN**  
15 **\$1,000,000 IN A FISCAL YEAR.**

16           **(II) IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF SALES AND USE TAX**  
17 **REFUNDS ISSUED IN A FISCAL YEAR TOTALS LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM PROVIDED**  
18 **UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, ANY EXCESS AMOUNT SHALL BE**  
19 **TRANSFERRED TO THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS TAX CREDIT RESERVE**  
20 **FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-741 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

21           **(III) FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, IF FUNDS ARE TRANSFERRED FROM**  
22 **THE RESERVE FUND UNDER AUTHORITY OF ANY PROVISION OF LAW, THE MAXIMUM**  
23 **AMOUNTS IN THE AGGREGATE FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE SALES AND**  
24 **USE TAX REFUNDS SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT TRANSFERRED.**

25           **(5) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**  
26 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION**  
27 **TO THE RESERVE FUND.**

28           **(6) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 7-213 OF THE STATE**  
29 **FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT REDUCE AN**  
30 **APPROPRIATION TO THE RESERVE FUND IN THE STATE BUDGET AS APPROVED BY**  
31 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

32           **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**  
33 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND TO SPECIFY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR**

1 THE APPLICATION FOR, APPROVAL OF, AND MONITORING OF CONTINUING  
2 ELIGIBILITY FOR SALES AND USE TAX REFUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
4 as follows:

5 **Article – Tax – Property**

6 **9–110.**

7 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
8 INDICATED.

9 (2) “BUSINESS ENTITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6–801 OF THE  
10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

11 (3) “ELIGIBLE PROJECT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6–801 OF  
12 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

13 (4) “NEW BUSINESS ENTITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6–801  
14 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

15 (5) “QUALIFIED BUSINESS ENTITY” MEANS A NEW BUSINESS ENTITY  
16 OPERATING AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT ~~UNDER THIS SUBTITLE~~ IN A TIER I COUNTY, AS  
17 DEFINED UNDER § 6–801 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

18 (6) “QUALIFIED PROPERTY” MEANS REAL PROPERTY WHERE AN  
19 ELIGIBLE PROJECT IS LOCATED.

20 (B) (1) THERE IS A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE PROPERTY TAX UNDER  
21 THIS SECTION IMPOSED ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A QUALIFIED BUSINESS  
22 ENTITY ENROLLED IN THE MORE JOBS FOR MARYLANDERS PROGRAM  
23 ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
24 ARTICLE.

25 (2) THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION IS  
26 EQUAL TO 100% OF ALL STATE PROPERTY TAX THAT IS DUE.

27 (3) THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION  
28 DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
29 PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THE PROPERTY.

30 (C) BY JUNE 15 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE  
31 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE A LIST THAT INCLUDES:

1           **(1) THE LOCATION OF EACH QUALIFIED PROPERTY;**

2           **(2) THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE YEAR VALUE FOR EACH QUALIFIED**  
3 **PROPERTY; AND**

4           **(3) THE AMOUNT OF THE STATE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED AGAINST**  
5 **EACH QUALIFIED PROPERTY.**

6           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
7 as follows:

8   **Article – Tax – General**

9           10–210.1.

10           (a)    (1)    In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

11                       (2)    “Depreciation” includes any deduction allowed under § 179 of the  
12 Internal Revenue Code.

13                       (3)    “Heavy duty SUV” means a 4–wheeled vehicle that:

14                               (i)    is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and  
15 highways;

16                               (ii)   is rated at more than 6,000 but not more than 14,000 pounds  
17 gross vehicle weight; and

18                               (iii)   would be a passenger automobile as defined in § 280F of the  
19 Internal Revenue Code if it were rated at 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or less.

20                       (4)    **(I) “MANUFACTURING ENTITY” MEANS A PERSON**  
21 **CONDUCTING OR OPERATING A TRADE OR BUSINESS THAT IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED**  
22 **IN ACTIVITIES THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL**  
23 **CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS), UNITED STATES MANUAL, UNITED STATES**  
24 **OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, 2012 EDITION, WOULD BE INCLUDED IN**  
25 **SECTOR 31, 32, OR 33.**

26                               **(II) “MANUFACTURING ENTITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE A**  
27 **REFINER, AS DEFINED IN § 10–101 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.**

28           (b)    In addition to the modifications under §§ 10–204 through 10–210 of this  
29 subtitle, to determine Maryland adjusted gross income of an individual:

30                       (1)    **(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM,** an amount  
31 is added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross income to reflect the determination of

1 the depreciation deduction provided under § 167(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and the  
2 adjusted basis of property without regard to the additional allowance under § 168(k) of the  
3 Internal Revenue Code; AND

4 **(II) ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM DOES NOT APPLY TO PROPERTY**  
5 **PLACED IN SERVICE BY A MANUFACTURING ENTITY ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019;**

6 (3) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM, an amount  
7 is added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross income to reflect the determination of  
8 the maximum aggregate costs that the taxpayer may treat as an expense under § 179 of  
9 the Internal Revenue Code for any taxable year without regard to any changes made to  
10 that section after December 31, 2002:

11 [(i)] 1. increasing above \$25,000 the dollar limitation set forth in  
12 § 179(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

13 [(ii)] 2. increasing above \$200,000 the phase-out threshold set  
14 forth in § 179(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code; AND

15 **(II) ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM DOES NOT APPLY TO PROPERTY THAT**  
16 **IS PLACED IN SERVICE BY A MANUFACTURING ENTITY ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1,**  
17 **2019;**

18 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall be  
19 applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, ~~2016~~ 2017.

20 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall be  
21 applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

22 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall be  
23 applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.

24 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
25 1, 2017.