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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

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Vehicle Emissions Testing Equipment - State Income Tax Credit

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain costs of

- 4 certain equipment used in vehicle emissions testing <u>at certain facilities;</u>
- 5 allowing unused tax credits to be carried forward to certain taxable years;
- 6 providing for the retroactive application of this Act; requiring the Department of
- 7 the Environment to prepare and publish a certain list; and generally relating to

8 a credit against the State income tax for certain costs of certain equipment used

9 in vehicle emissions testing.

10 BY adding to

- 11 Article Tax General
- 12 Section 10-712
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Tax - General

18 10-712.

19 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL OR A 20 CORPORATION MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR A 21 TAXABLE YEAR IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20% OF THE COST OF EQUIPMENT THAT:

1 (1) THE INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATION PLACES IN SERVICE DURING THE 2 TAXABLE YEAR BY PURCHASE OR LEASE; AND

3 (2) IS TO BE USED BY THE INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATION IN
4 CONNECTION WITH TRANSIENT MASS-EMISSION REPAIR OR TESTING <u>AT AN</u>
5 <u>EMISSION REPAIR FACILITY THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF</u>
6 <u>THE ENVIRONMENT</u>.

7 (B) IF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IN ANY TAXABLE YEAR
8 EXCEEDS THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR, THE INDIVIDUAL OR
9 CORPORATION MAY APPLY THE EXCESS AS A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME
10 TAX FOR SUCCEEDING TAXABLE YEARS UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:

11 (1) THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE EXCESS BEING USED; OR

12 (2) THE EXPIRATION OF THE 5TH TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE 13 TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE PROPERTY WAS PLACED IN SERVICE.

14 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, FOR PURPOSES OF
15 DETERMINING MARYLAND TAXABLE INCOME, THE BASIS OF PROPERTY WITH
16 RESPECT TO WHICH THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION IS ALLOWED SHALL BE ITS
17 BASIS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December

19 31, 1999, the Department of the Environment shall prepare and publish a list of

20 equipment that complies with the requirements for the tax credit created in Section 1 21 of this Act.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take

23 effect July 1, 1999 and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after

24 December 31, 1997; provided, however, that the credit under § 10-709 § 10-712 of the

25 Tax - General Article shall be allowed only with respect to property placed in service

26 after December 31, 1997.

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