

SENATE BILL 124

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ENROLLED BILL

— Budget and Taxation / Ways and Means —

Introduced by **Senators Peters, Astle, Brinkley, Brochin, Colburn, Currie, Edwards, Garagiola, Getty, Glassman, Jacobs, Jennings, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Middleton, Montgomery, Muse, Raskin, Simonaire, ~~and Zirkin~~ Zirkin, Jones-Rodwell, and DeGrange**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax Credit for Qualifying Employees – Sunset Repeal ~~and Expansion~~**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain termination provisions and altering certain
4 dates of applicability for certain tax credits allowed to employers that hire
5 certain qualifying individuals with disabilities; ~~allowing an individual or~~
6 ~~corporation to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain wages paid~~
7 ~~to certain qualified veterans; providing for the application of this Act *declaring*~~
8 ~~*the intent of the General Assembly*~~; and generally relating to a credit against the
9 State income tax for certain qualified individuals with disabilities ~~and certain~~
10 ~~qualified veterans.~~

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



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 2 Chapter 112 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by
 3 Chapter 614 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998, Chapter 448 of
 4 the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, Chapter 454 of the Acts of the
 5 General Assembly of 2003, Chapter 394 of the Acts of the General
 6 Assembly of 2006, Chapter 370 of the Acts of the General Assembly of
 7 2007, Chapter 658 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008, Chapter
 8 290 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009, Chapter 252 of the Acts
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25 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 26 ~~Article Tax General~~
 27 ~~Section 10-704.7~~
 28 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 29 ~~(2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)~~

30 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 31 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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37 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
 38 applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1996 [but before January
 39 1, 2016]; provided, however, that the tax credit under § 21-309 of the Education
 40 Article, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act, shall be allowed only for employees
 41 hired on or after October 1, 1997 [but before July 1, 2013; and provided further that

1 any excess credits under § 21–309 of the Education Article may be carried forward
 2 and, subject to the limitations under § 21–309 of the Education Article, may be applied
 3 as a credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016].

4 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
 5 of Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997. [It shall remain in
 6 effect for a period of 15 years and 9 months and at the end of June 30, 2013, with no
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27 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland~~
 28 ~~read as follows:~~

29 ~~Article Tax General~~

30 ~~10-704.7.~~

31 ~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFIED VETERAN” MEANS AN~~
 32 ~~INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND~~
 33 ~~REGULATION WHO:~~

34 ~~(i) 1. SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES~~
 35 ~~OF THE UNITED STATES FOR AT LEAST 180 DAYS; OR~~

1 ~~2. WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED FROM ACTIVE~~
 2 ~~DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A~~
 3 ~~SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY; AND~~

4 ~~(H) IS A MEMBER OF A FAMILY THAT RECEIVED~~
 5 ~~SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FEDERAL FOOD AND~~
 6 ~~NUTRITION ACT OF 2008 FOR AT LEAST 3 MONTHS DURING THE 12 MONTH~~
 7 ~~PERIOD PRIOR TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S HIRING DATE.~~

8 ~~(2) "QUALIFIED VETERAN" INCLUDES A DISABLED VETERAN~~
 9 ~~CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION~~
 10 ~~WHO IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY~~
 11 ~~AND:~~

12 ~~(i) IS HIRED WITHIN 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE THE~~
 13 ~~INDIVIDUAL WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN THE~~
 14 ~~ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES; OR~~

15 ~~(ii) HAS BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS~~
 16 ~~DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD PRIOR TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S HIRING DATE.~~

17 ~~[(a)] (B) An individual or a corporation may claim a credit against the~~
 18 ~~income tax for:~~

19 ~~(1) wages paid to a qualified employee with a disability; [and]~~

20 ~~(2) (i) child care provided or paid for by a business entity for the~~
 21 ~~children of a qualified employee with a disability as provided under § 21-309 of the~~
 22 ~~Education Article; or~~

23 ~~(ii) transportation provided or paid for by the business entity for~~
 24 ~~a qualified employee with a disability as provided under § 21-309 of the Education~~
 25 ~~Article; AND~~

26 ~~(3) WAGES PAID TO A QUALIFIED VETERAN.~~

27 ~~[(b)] (C) (1) An organization that is exempt from taxation under §~~
 28 ~~501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code may apply the credit under this section:~~

29 ~~(i) as a credit against income tax due on unrelated business~~
 30 ~~taxable income as provided under §§ 10-304 and 10-812 of this title; or~~

31 ~~(ii) as a credit for the payment to the Comptroller of taxes that~~
 32 ~~the organization:~~

1 ~~1. is required to withhold from the wages of employees~~
 2 ~~under § 10-908 of this title; and~~

3 ~~2. is required to pay to the Comptroller under §~~
 4 ~~10-906(a) of this title.~~

5 ~~(2) If the credit allowed under this subsection in any taxable year~~
 6 ~~exceeds the sum of the State income tax otherwise payable by the organization for that~~
 7 ~~taxable year and the taxes that the organization has withheld from the wages of~~
 8 ~~employees and is required to pay to the Comptroller under § 10-906(a) of this title for~~
 9 ~~the taxable year, the organization may apply the excess as a credit under paragraph~~
 10 ~~(1)(i) or (ii) of this subsection in succeeding taxable years for the carryforward period~~
 11 ~~provided in § 21-309 of the Education Article.~~

12 ~~(3) The Comptroller shall adopt regulations to provide procedures for~~
 13 ~~claiming and applying credits authorized under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection.~~

14 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall~~
 15 ~~take effect July 1, 2013, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after~~
 16 ~~December 31, 2012.~~

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
 18 General Assembly that the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the
 19 Department of Disabilities, and the Department of Veterans Affairs make every effort to
 20 promote and market the Qualifying Employees with Disabilities Tax Credit to
 21 Maryland employers.

22 ~~SECTION 4. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in~~
 23 ~~Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2013.~~

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.