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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tax Credit Evaluation Act**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a legislative review and evaluation process for certain
4 credits allowed against certain taxes; establishing dates for review and other
5 legislative action with regard to certain tax credits; providing for termination of
6 certain tax credits under certain circumstances; repealing certain obsolete tax
7 credits; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; and
8 generally relating to a legislative review and evaluation process for certain
9 credits allowed against certain taxes.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Tax – General
12 Section 1–301 through 1–311 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Tax
13 Credit Evaluation Act”
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

16 BY repealing

17 Article – Labor and Employment
18 Section 11–1101 through 11–1107 and the subtitle “Subtitle 11. Job Creation
19 and Recovery Tax Credit”
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

22 BY repealing

23 Article – Tax – General
24 Section 10–704.9, 10–713, 10–719, and 10–728
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Tax – General**

4 **SUBTITLE 3. TAX CREDIT EVALUATION ACT.**

5 **1–301.**

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

8 (B) “EVALUATION” MEANS THE PROCESS OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF A
9 TAX CREDIT FOR WHICH THIS SUBTITLE PROVIDES.

10 (C) “EVALUATION COMMITTEE” MEANS A COMMITTEE THAT IS
11 APPOINTED TO CARRY OUT AN EVALUATION.

12 (D) “EVALUATION DATE” MEANS THE DATE ON WHICH AN EVALUATION
13 OF A TAX CREDIT IS TO BE COMPLETED.

14 (E) “TAX CREDIT” MEANS:

15 (1) A CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
16 FRANCHISE TAX UNDER § 8–406(B), § 8–411, § 8–412, § 8–413, OR § 8–415 OF
17 THIS ARTICLE;

18 (2) A CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE INCOME TAX UNDER TITLE
19 10, SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE, NOT INCLUDING A CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER §
20 10–701 OR § 10–701.1 OF THIS ARTICLE;

21 (3) A CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX
22 UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE;

23 (4) A CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 3 OR
24 SUBTITLE 4 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE;

25 (5) A CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER § 21–309 OR § 21–501 OF THE
26 EDUCATION ARTICLE;

27 (6) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER § 2–901 OF THE ENVIRONMENT
28 ARTICLE;

1 **(7) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER § 6-404 OF THE HOUSING AND**
2 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE;**

3 **(8) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER § 11-404 OF THE LABOR AND**
4 **EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE;**

5 **(9) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER § 5A-303 OF THE STATE**
6 **FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND**

7 **(10) A CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER § 9-103, § 9-230, § 9-317(E), §**
8 **9-318(D), OR § 9-326 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE.**

9 **1-302.**

10 **THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO:**

11 **(1) ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW THAT WILL**
12 **DETERMINE WHETHER A TAX CREDIT IS NECESSARY FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST;**
13 **AND**

14 **(2) ENSURE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW TAKES PLACE BY**
15 **ESTABLISHING, BY STATUTE, DATES FOR REVIEW AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE**
16 **ACTION.**

17 **1-303.**

18 **(A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2013, AN EVALUATION SHALL BE MADE OF**
19 **THE TAX CREDITS UNDER:**

20 **(1) § 10-702 OF THIS ARTICLE (WAGES PAID IN AN ENTERPRISE**
21 **ZONE) AND § 9-103 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE (QUALIFIED PROPERTY**
22 **IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE);**

23 **(2) § 10-703 OF THIS ARTICLE (TAX PAID BY INDIVIDUAL TO**
24 **ANOTHER STATE);**

25 **(3) § 10-703.2 OF THIS ARTICLE (TAX PAID BY INDIVIDUAL TO**
26 **ANOTHER STATE ON INSTALLMENT SALE);**

27 **(4) § 10-704 OF THIS ARTICLE (EARNED INCOME);**

28 **(5) §§ 8-406(B) AND 10-704.1 OF THIS ARTICLE (PURCHASE OF**
29 **MARYLAND-MINED COAL);**

1 **(6) TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
2 **ARTICLE, § 6-114 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE, AND §§ 8-411 AND 10-704.4 OF**
3 **THIS ARTICLE (JOB CREATION);**

4 **(7) § 5A-303 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT**
5 **ARTICLE, § 6-105.2 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE, AND § 10-704.5 OF THIS**
6 **ARTICLE (SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES); AND**

7 **(8) § 6-404 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
8 **ARTICLE, § 6-105 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE, AND §§ 8-412 AND 10-704.6 OF**
9 **THIS ARTICLE (NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**
10 **CONTRIBUTIONS).**

11 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2014, AN EVALUATION SHALL BE MADE OF**
12 **THE TAX CREDITS UNDER:**

13 **(1) § 21-309 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, § 6-115 OF THE**
14 **INSURANCE ARTICLE, AND §§ 8-413 AND 10-704.7 OF THIS ARTICLE**
15 **(QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES);**

16 **(2) § 11-704 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE AND §**
17 **10-704.10 OF THIS ARTICLE (QUALIFIED EX-FELON EMPLOYEES);**

18 **(3) § 9-230 OF THE TAX - PROPERTY ARTICLE, § 6-116 OF THE**
19 **INSURANCE ARTICLE, AND § 10-704.8 OF THIS ARTICLE (NEW JOB CREATING**
20 **BUSINESSES);**

21 **(4) §§ 9-317(E), 9-318(D), AND 9-326 OF THE TAX - PROPERTY**
22 **ARTICLE AND § 10-707 OF THIS ARTICLE (RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE**
23 **PROPERTY);**

24 **(5) § 10-708 OF THIS ARTICLE (TELECOMMUNICATION**
25 **BUSINESS);**

26 **(6) § 10-709 OF THIS ARTICLE (LOW INCOME); AND**

27 **(7) § 6-117 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE AND §§ 8-415 AND**
28 **10-710 OF THIS ARTICLE (EMPLOYER-PROVIDED LONG-TERM CARE**
29 **INSURANCE).**

30 **(C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2015, AN EVALUATION SHALL BE MADE OF**
31 **THE TAX CREDITS UNDER:**

1 (1) § 21-501 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, § 6-118 OF THE
2 INSURANCE ARTICLE, AND § 10-711 OF THIS ARTICLE (WORK-BASED
3 LEARNING);

4 (2) TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 ARTICLE, § 6-119 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE, AND § 10-714 OF THIS ARTICLE
6 (ONE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT);

7 (3) § 2-901 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE, § 6-120 OF THE
8 INSURANCE ARTICLE, AND § 10-715 OF THIS ARTICLE (EMPLOYEE COMMUTER
9 BENEFITS);

10 (4) § 10-716 OF THIS ARTICLE (CHILD CARE OR DEPENDENT
11 CARE);

12 (5) § 10-717 OF THIS ARTICLE (CLASSROOM TEACHER ADVANCED
13 EDUCATION);

14 (6) § 10-718 OF THIS ARTICLE (LONG-TERM CARE PREMIUMS);
15 AND

16 (7) § 10-720 OF THIS ARTICLE (ELECTRICITY PRODUCED FROM
17 QUALIFIED ENERGY RESOURCES).

18 (D) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2016, AN EVALUATION SHALL BE MADE OF
19 THE TAX CREDITS UNDER:

20 (1) § 10-721 OF THIS ARTICLE (QUALIFIED RESEARCH AND
21 DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES);

22 (2) § 10-722 OF THIS ARTICLE (GREEN BUILDINGS);

23 (3) § 10-723 OF THIS ARTICLE (PRESERVATION AND
24 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS);

25 (4) § 10-724 OF THIS ARTICLE (AQUACULTURE OYSTER FLOATS);

26 (5) § 10-725 OF THIS ARTICLE (BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT
27 INCENTIVE);

28 (6) § 10-726 OF THIS ARTICLE (CELLULOSIC ETHANOL
29 TECHNOLOGY);

1 (7) § 10-727 OF THIS ARTICLE (BIO-HEATING OIL);

2 (8) § 10-729 OF THIS ARTICLE (ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING
3 EQUIPMENT); AND

4 (9) § 10-730 OF THIS ARTICLE (FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY).

5 **1-304.**

6 (A) EVALUATION OF A TAX CREDIT SHALL BE COMPLETED BY AN
7 EVALUATION COMMITTEE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
8 SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

9 (B) EACH EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR A TAX CREDIT SHALL BE
10 APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE MAY 31 OF THE YEAR BEFORE THE EVALUATION
11 DATE OF THAT TAX MODIFICATION OR TAX EXEMPTION.

12 (C) AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE
13 MEMBER OF THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND AT LEAST
14 ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

15 **1-305.**

16 ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF THE YEAR BEFORE THE EVALUATION DATE OF
17 A TAX CREDIT, EACH EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR THAT TAX CREDIT SHALL:

18 (1) CONSULT WITH:

19 (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;

20 (II) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES; AND

21 (III) THE COMPTROLLER; AND

22 (2) PREPARE A PLAN FOR THE EVALUATION.

23 **1-306.**

24 DURING AN EVALUATION, THE COMPTROLLER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SHALL:

1 (1) PROVIDE PROMPTLY ANY INFORMATION THAT THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OR AN EVALUATION COMMITTEE
3 REQUESTS; AND

4 (2) OTHERWISE COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

6 1-307.

7 (A) (1) SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,
8 ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31 OF THE YEAR BEFORE THE EVALUATION DATE OF A
9 TAX CREDIT, THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL SUBMIT TO
10 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN EVALUATION REPORT ON THE TAX CREDIT.

11 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL MAKE
12 COPIES OF THE REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

13 (B) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
14 SHALL DISCUSS:

15 (1) THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE TAX CREDIT WAS
16 ESTABLISHED;

17 (2) WHETHER THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE TAX CREDIT IS STILL
18 APPROPRIATE;

19 (3) WHETHER THE TAX CREDIT IS MEETING ITS OBJECTIVES;

20 (4) WHETHER THE PURPOSES OF THE TAX CREDIT COULD BE
21 MORE EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY CARRIED OUT THROUGH ALTERNATIVE
22 METHODS; AND

23 (5) THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE TAX CREDIT, INCLUDING THE
24 ADMINISTRATIVE COST TO THE STATE AND LOST REVENUES TO THE STATE AND
25 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

26 1-308.

27 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 14 OF THE YEAR BEFORE THE EVALUATION
28 DATE OF A TAX CREDIT, THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC
29 HEARING TO RECEIVE, FROM THE COMPTROLLER AND THE PUBLIC, TESTIMONY
30 REGARDING THE EVALUATION REPORT.

1 **1-309.**

2 (A) SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON
3 OR BEFORE THE 20TH DAY OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY IN THE YEAR OF THE EVALUATION DATE OF A TAX CREDIT, THE
5 EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR THE TAX CREDIT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO
6 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7 (B) (1) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
8 SECTION SHALL RECOMMEND WHETHER THE TAX CREDIT SHOULD BE
9 REESTABLISHED, WITH OR WITHOUT CHANGES, OR ALLOWED TO TERMINATE.

10 (2) THE REPORT SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY EACH BILL THAT IS
11 NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT.

12 **1-310.**

13 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IF A TAX
14 CREDIT IS NOT REESTABLISHED BY LAW ON OR BEFORE THE DATE FOR ITS
15 EVALUATION UNDER § 1-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IT SHALL TERMINATE.

16 (B) THE REESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX CREDIT DESIGNATED FOR
17 EVALUATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS FOR A 5-YEAR PERIOD AND IS SUBJECT
18 TO REEVALUATION 5 YEARS AFTER THE PREVIOUS EVALUATION, UNLESS THE
19 LAW THAT PROVIDES FOR REESTABLISHMENT SETS ANOTHER PERIOD.

20 (C) AFTER THE PERIOD OF REESTABLISHMENT EXPIRES, THE TAX
21 CREDIT TERMINATES AS PROVIDED BY LAW UNLESS THE TAX CREDIT IS
22 REESTABLISHED.

23 **1-311.**

24 **THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE “TAX CREDIT EVALUATION ACT”.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 11-1101
26 through 11-1107 and the subtitle “Subtitle 11. Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit”
27 of Article – Labor and Employment of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 10-704.9,
29 10-713, 10-719, and 10-728 of Article – Tax – General of the Annotated Code of
30 Maryland be repealed.

31 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the termination of a
32 credit in accordance with the provisions of Title 1, Subtitle 3 of the Tax – General

1 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, or the repeal of an obsolete tax credit under
2 Section 2 or Section 3 of this Act may not be construed to prevent the filing, after the
3 date of the repeal of the credit, of a tax return that is filed to claim or carry forward a
4 credit earned before the date of the termination or repeal of the credit in accordance
5 with the provisions of law governing the credit as in effect immediately before the date
6 of the termination or repeal of the credit.

7 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2012.