

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 193

AN ACT concerning

~~**Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons
Tax Credits for Individuals Facing Employment Barriers**~~
Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons

FOR the purpose of creating a Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to establish the pilot program in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board; requiring the Department to purchase certain bonds for a certain number of qualified ex-felons each year and to provide certain bonds to certain one-stop career centers; requiring that the pilot program be implemented in a certain number of workforce investment areas; requiring a one-stop center that participates in the pilot program to work with certain entities to encourage referral and participation of qualified ex-felons, to provide certain outreach and education, and to develop a certain evaluation process; requiring a one-stop center to apply to the Department for designation as a pilot program location; requiring the Department in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board to designate certain one-stop centers as pilot program locations and to consider certain information; allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain wages paid by certain business entities with respect to certain ex-felon employees; providing for the calculation and use of the credit; requiring a certain addition modification if a certain credit is claimed; requiring a certain certification prior to claiming the credit; prohibiting an employer from claiming the credit under certain circumstances; providing for the administration of the tax credits; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; ~~altering certain termination provisions and dates of applicability for certain tax credits allowed to employers that hire certain qualified employment opportunity employees or certain qualifying individuals with disabilities;~~ and generally relating to the creation of a Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons ~~tax credits for individuals facing employment barriers~~ *the creation of a Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons.*

BY adding to

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 11-701 through 11-705 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7. Pilot Program for the Long-Term Employment of Qualified Ex-Felons"

Annotated Code of Maryland

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