CHAPTER 748

(House Bill 242)

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax - Credit for Collection Expense

FOR the purpose of altering the calculation of a certain credit allowed to a person who timely files a sales and use tax return; requiring the Comptroller to make a certain annual adjustment in the calculation of the credit based on the Consumer Price Index providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to a certain credit allowed to a person who timely files a sales and use tax return.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - General

Section 11-105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article - Tax - General

11–105.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person who timely files a sales and use tax return is allowed, for the expense of collecting and paying the tax, a credit equal to [0.6%] 0.9% of the gross amount of sales and use tax that the person is to pay to the Comptroller.
- (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection AND SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, the credit allowed under this section is 1.2% of the first [\$4,200] \$6,000 of the gross amount of sales and use tax that the person is to pay with each return.
- (2) For a vendor who files or is eligible to file a consolidated return under § 11-502 of this title, the credit allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection is 1.2% of the first [\$4,200] \$6,000 of the gross amount of sales and use tax that the person is or would be required to pay with the consolidated return.
- (C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX" MEANS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (ALL ITEMS—UNITED STATES CITY AVERAGE), AS PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF STATISTICS.
- (2) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1995 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL INCREASE THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR