

and 2. assure the availability of competent services to the public;

(ii) the number of exemptions granted under this subsection has not tended to erode the purposes of subsection (b) of this section or other provisions of this title.

(2) (i) The Ethics Commission may grant an exemption under paragraph (1) of this subsection only:

1. in extraordinary situations; and
2. upon the recommendation of the Governor, at the request of the executive unit involved.

(ii) The Ethics Commission shall apply this subsection as consistently as possible under similar facts and circumstances.

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(D-1) AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE MAY NOT ACCEPT A GIFT THAT IS PROHIBITED UNDER § 13-211 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 303

(House Bill 4)

AN ACT concerning

One Maryland Economic Development Program for Distressed Counties - Income Tax Credits

FOR the purpose of allowing certain credits against ~~the State income tax~~ certain taxes for certain costs of certain economic development projects undertaken by certain business entities in certain qualified economically distressed counties and certain start-up costs of certain business entities locating in certain qualified economically distressed counties; providing for the carryover of certain unused credits; making certain unused credits refundable under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; requiring the Secretary of Business and Economic Development to adopt certain regulations; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain tax credits to encourage capital investment and job creation in certain qualified economically distressed counties.

BY adding to

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development