

BRINGING ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE AND GENERATING INCREASED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE.

(B) TO ENSURE THAT THE TAX EXEMPTION IS GRANTED FOR A FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY, A ~~PERSON SEEKING FILM PRODUCER~~, OR A PRODUCTION COMPANY SEEKING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXEMPTION MUST FIRST APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT A CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXEMPTION.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMPTROLLER JOINTLY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS DEFINING WITH GREATER SPECIFICITY FOR PURPOSES OF THE SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION UNDER § 11-226 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE WHAT CONSTITUTES A FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY AND WHAT CONSTITUTES TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TAXABLE SERVICES USED DIRECTLY IN CONNECTION WITH A FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Business and Economic Development shall conduct a study and report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2001, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the preliminary economic impact of the sales and use tax exemption created under this Act;

(2) the potential economic impact on the State's film and video production industry of allowing a credit against the State income tax for a percentage of the wages paid for Maryland film and video productions; and

(3) the actual impact experienced in other states in which similar income tax credits have been enacted.

SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 193 - Baltimore City - Fort McHenry - Education and Visitors Center Loan of 1996.

This bill extends the deadline from June 1, 2000 to June 1, 2002 for the Board of Directors of the Patriots of Fort McHenry, Inc. to provide matching funds for the Fort McHenry Education and Visitors Center Loan of 1996.

House Bill 528, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April