

~~(3) Facilitating cooperation from local [government], State, and federal government agencies and private sector groups in the location and production of motion pictures and television.~~

~~2-405.~~

~~The Office shall coordinate with activities of similar offices, councils or boards appointed by any local [governments within] GOVERNMENT IN this State for any of the purposes of this subtitle.~~

~~Subtitle 5. Film Production Activity Tax Exemptions.~~

~~2-501.~~

~~(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the tax exemption provided under § 11-227 of the Tax General Article is for the purpose of increasing the film production activity carried out in the State, 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 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 § 11-227 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.~~

~~Subtitle 6. Maryland State Arts Council.~~

~~2-601.~~

~~(a) Many of the citizens of the State lack the opportunity to enjoy or participate in and develop a greater appreciation of performing, visual and creative arts in general, [such as] INCLUDING theatrical performances, concerts, opera, dance and ballet performances and recitals, art and art exhibitions, fine examples of architecture, and creative writing[;].~~

~~(b) With increasing leisure time, the practice and enjoyment of the arts are of increasing importance[;].~~

~~(c) Many of the citizens of the State possess talents of an artistic and creative nature which cannot be utilized to their fullest extent under existing conditions[;].~~

~~(d) The general welfare of the people of the State will be promoted by giving further recognition to the arts as a vital part of the culture and heritage of the State and as an important means of expanding the scope of our educational program for children and adults[;].~~