effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 747

(House Bill 1325)

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance - Amendments - Balanced Budget Act of 1997

FOR the purpose of aligning the State unemployment insurance laws with the Federal Unemployment Tax Act to exempt from unemployment insurance coverage the service of certain individuals who work for certain separately incorporated religious schools, the service of certain election officials, officials and the service of certain inmates of custodial or penal institutions; altering, for a certain period of time, the process for distribution of funds under Section 903 of the Social Security Act providing that certain wages paid to an inmate under certain circumstances may not constitute taxable wages; providing that wages paid to an inmate under certain circumstances shall be included as wages for the purpose of determining certain weekly benefit amounts; providing that certain federal funds may be used only for certain purposes; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 8-208, 8-212(e), and 8-217 8-212(c), 8-217, and 8-607(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 8-803.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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