

purposes of determining whether a person qualifies for determination of sexually violent predator status a conviction for a sexually violent offense occurring before the effective date of this Act shall be considered a prior offense.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as provided in this Act, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this Act may not be construed to impose a duty on or otherwise require a person to disclose that an individual is registered under this Act.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Court of Appeals may adopt rules governing the determination of sexually violent predators.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Fiscal Services shall report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, on or before July 1, 1999, on:

(1) The number of requests for registration statements received by local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and

(2) The fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on complying with the requests for registration statements.

SECTION 4: ~~6~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 755**

**(Senate Bill 229)**

AN ACT concerning

**Job Creation Tax Credit Act of 1997**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain notice requirement for certification as a qualifying business entity under the Job Creation Tax Credit; altering certain criteria for a business entity to qualify for the credit; defining certain terms; repealing a certain credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Job Creation Tax Credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development  
Section 5-1101  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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