

## **HB270**

- The Maryland Film Production Activity Tax Credit is an incentive program which was established to attract film
  and television productions to Maryland, create jobs for Marylanders, stimulate business activity in the State and
  provide strong economic impacts.
- **NO UPFRONT FUNDING** is needed under this tax credit program.
- The rebate is given only *after* production is finished, money is spent, qualified spending is approved through an audit and tax return is filed. *This is the most transparent tax credit in the State.*
- This incentive program is administered as a refundable tax credit, which is a rebate paid to a qualifying production based on the amount of qualified Maryland expenditures and is claimed by filing a tax return.
- According to the February 10, 2014 study prepared by the Regional Economics Studies Institute (RESI):
  - For every reported \$1 claimed in film tax credits, Maryland gains \$1.03 in total additional property, sales, income, and other tax revenues.
  - Additional output Maryland receives from every \$1 claimed under the current program is \$3.69.
- According to the Maryland Department of Commerce, from 2011-2022 Film and Television Productions:
  - Hired over 20,000 Marylanders
  - Did business with over 18,000 Maryland businesses
  - Created a projected total economic impact of over \$1.2 Billion Dollars
- Jobs are high-paying career positions, and for the most part come with health and pension benefits.
- Enables workforce development providing tremendous opportunity for graduating Maryland students to enter the workforce.
- These are jobs and dollars that, but for the tax credit, would not have come to Maryland.

**Stability and predictability in the program is critical** to ensuring a solid business climate – one that assures continued investment by the film business in our state. *House Bill 270 will create more jobs and increase revenue to the state and small businesses!*