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## **Refugee Economic Settlement Act of 2019**

AN ACT to assist refugees and economically underdeveloped areas of the Atlantic Commonwealth, to provide economic opportunity to refugees and disadvantaged immigrants in the United States.

*WHEREAS* the Atlantic Commonwealth is proud to support refugees and immigrants, and welcomes them.

*WHEREAS* the Atlantic Commonwealth should partner up refugees and disadvantaged immigrants with areas in the Atlantic Commonwealth that are struggling economically.

*WHEREAS* the Atlantic Commonwealth should make it as easy as possible for people to transition economically into the Commonwealth from elsewhere

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THE PEOPLE OF THE ATLANTIC COMMONWEALTH, REPRESENTED IN ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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### **SECTION I. SHORT TITLE**

- (a) This Act may be entitled the “Refugee Economic Settlement Act of 2019”

### **SECTION II. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) Community Applicants shall refer to the communities (i.e - counties, townships, cities, etc) which apply for the Refugee Settlement Program
- (b) Production Output shall refer to the overall production value of a community (i.e - gross revenues from taxation, businesses operating within that community)

### **SECTION III. COMMUNITY APPLICANTS**

- (a) Community Applicants shall submit an application to join the program via the office of the Secretary of Labor, Education, Health, and Human Services
  - (i) This Application will need to show:
    - (1) Production Output of the Community, as outlined by the Labour, Education, Health, and Human Services Office;
    - (2) Amount of unfilled jobs within the community;
    - (3) Amount of workers required to fill unfilled jobs;

- (b) The Office of the Secretary of Labour, Education, Health, and Human Services shall respond within 90 days of the application with;
  - (i) A rejection;
  - (ii) An approval;
  - (iii) Extending the waiting period by another 90 days;
    - (1) Wait periods can be extended up to five times
- (c) The fee to submit an application shall be \$1,000

#### **SECTION IV. REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS**

- (a) Refugees and Immigrants who apply to the program do not have an application submittance fee
- (b) Refugees and Immigrants shall apply to the program via the Office of the Secretary of Labour, Education, Health, and Human Services
  - (i) The application will be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Labour, Education, Health, and Human Services, and must include:
    - (1) Current Address within the Atlantic Commonwealth (if applicable),
    - (2) Current Address within the United States of America (if applicable),
    - (3) Citizenship Status,
    - (4) Other requirements as set out by the Secretary of Labour, Education, Health, and Human Services

#### **SECTION V. TAX CREDITS**

- (a) Businesses which employ those who have qualified for their refugee or immigrant application are entitled to a \$100 tax credit per applicant they hire

#### **SECTION VI. Enactment**

- (a) This Act shall take effect three months after passage

#### **SECTION VII. Severability**

- (a) If any provision, section, or subsection of this legislation is deemed unconstitutional, the rest of it will still go into effect.