

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (c) OF SECTION 6 OF ACT 276 OF 1983, AS AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR PAYROLL EXPENSES, CATERING EXPENSES AND PRE AND POST PRODUCTION EXPENSES TO QUALIFY FOR THE MOTION PICTURE INCENTIVE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (c) of Section 6 of Act 276 of 1983, as amended (Ark. Stat. Ann. 84-4806), is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

"(7) When a motion picture production company hires a payroll service company to handle the payroll of a production, the payroll payments otherwise allowable under Act 276 of 1983, as amended (Ark. Stat. Ann. 84-4801 et seq.), shall be allowed as eligible expenditures provided (i) payments made by the motion picture production company to the payroll service company are paid through an Arkansas financial institution account and (ii) if the payroll checks issued by the payroll service company are drawn on a bank or other entity which is outside the State of Arkansas, such out-of-state bank or other entity guarantees payment of the checks at an Arkansas financial institution; and

(8) When a motion picture production company hires a food catering service company which is outside the State of Arkansas, payments otherwise allowable under Act 276 of 1983, as amended (Ark. Stat. Ann. 84-4801 et seq.), which are made by the out-of-state food catering service to food businesses located in Arkansas, shall be allowed as eligible expenditures provided (1) actual receipts or copies of invoices from such food businesses located in Arkansas are filed with the weekly expenditure reports and (ii) payments made by the motion picture production company to the out-of-state food catering service company are paid through an Arkansas financial institution account; and

(9) Pre-production and post-production expenses, which otherwise qualify, may be made from a checking account from a financial institution located out of Arkansas.

SECTION 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly that restriction in the law requiring the motion picture production company to maintain a checking account, prior to and following its stay in Arkansas, is unnecessary and an undue hardship for those companies seeking to take advantage of the Motion Picture Incentive Act of 1983. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: April 14, 1987

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