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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tax Incentives for Dentists to Practice in Underserved Areas**

3 FOR the purpose of providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income
4 tax for certain income derived from practicing dentistry in certain geographic
5 areas of the State for certain taxable years; providing a subtraction modification
6 for certain expenses incurred to buy and install equipment for a dental office in
7 certain geographic areas of the State under certain circumstances; defining
8 certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
9 certain subtraction modifications related to practicing dentistry in certain areas
10 of the State.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Tax - General
13 Section 10-207(a) and 10-208(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Tax - General
18 Section 10-207(u) and 10-208(o)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Tax - General**

24 10-207.

25 (a) To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amounts under
26 this section are subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income of a resident to
27 determine Maryland adjusted gross income.

1 (U) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
2 MEANINGS INDICATED.

3 (II) "DENTALLY UNDERSERVED AREA" MEANS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA
4 OF THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
5 MENTAL HYGIENE AS BEING UNDERSERVED BY DENTISTS.

6 (III) "PRACTICE DENTISTRY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 4-101
7 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

8 (2) THE SUBTRACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
9 INCLUDES 100% OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S INCOME DERIVED FROM PRACTICING
10 DENTISTRY IN A DENTALLY UNDERSERVED AREA:

11 (I) FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL BEGINS
12 PRACTICING DENTISTRY IN THE DENTALLY UNDERSERVED AREA; AND

13 (II) FOR EACH OF THE 4 TAXABLE YEARS FOLLOWING THE
14 TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL BEGAN PRACTICING DENTISTRY IN THE
15 DENTALLY UNDERSERVED AREA.

16 10-208.

17 (a) In addition to the modification under § 10-207 of this subtitle, the
18 amounts under this section are subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income of
19 a resident to determine Maryland adjusted gross income.

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21 MEANINGS INDICATED.

22 (II) "DENTALLY UNDERSERVED AREA" MEANS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA
23 OF THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
24 MENTAL HYGIENE AS BEING UNDERSERVED BY DENTISTS.

25 (III) "PRACTICE DENTISTRY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 4-101
26 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

27 (2) THE SUBTRACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
28 INCLUDES 100% OF THE EXPENSES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL INCURS TO BUY AND
29 INSTALL EQUIPMENT FOR A DENTAL OFFICE LOCATED IN A DENTALLY
30 UNDERSERVED AREA, IF:

31 (I) THE EQUIPMENT HAS A USEFUL LIFE OF AT LEAST 4 YEARS;
32 AND

33 (II) THE INDIVIDUAL:

34 1. BOUGHT THE EQUIPMENT ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2000;

