

SENATE BILL 965

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CF HB 1153

By: **Senators Conway, Dyson, and Gladden**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Comptroller – Eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or**
3 **the Maryland Children’s Health Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to send a certain notice regarding
5 eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland
6 Children’s Health Program to a certain taxpayer, if certain income reported on
7 the income tax return does not exceed a certain amount; providing for the
8 application of this Act; and generally relating to a notice about eligibility for
9 certain health programs by the Comptroller.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Tax – General
12 Section 10–202
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Tax – General**

18 **10–202.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
20 MEANINGS INDICATED.

21 (2) “APPLICABLE POVERTY INCOME LEVEL” MEANS THE AMOUNT
22 SPECIFIED IN THE POVERTY INCOME STANDARD THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE
23 NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ALLOWED AND CLAIMS
24 UNDER § 10–211 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “POVERTY INCOME STANDARD” MEANS THE MOST RECENT**
2 **POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AVAILABLE AS OF JULY 1 OF**
4 **THE TAXABLE YEAR.**

5 **(4) “TAXPAYER” MEANS:**

6 **(I) AN INDIVIDUAL FILING AN INDIVIDUAL RETURN; OR**

7 **(II) A MARRIED COUPLE FILING A JOINT RETURN.**

8 **(B) IF THE FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME REPORTED ON THE**
9 **INCOME TAX RETURN OF A TAXPAYER WITH A DEPENDENT CHILD DOES NOT**
10 **EXCEED 300% OF THE APPLICABLE POVERTY INCOME LEVEL, THE**
11 **COMPTROLLER SHALL SEND A NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYER:**

12 **(1) INDICATING THAT THE DEPENDENT CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE**
13 **FOR THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE MARYLAND**
14 **CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROGRAM; AND**

15 **(2) PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO ENROLL IN THE**
16 **PROGRAMS.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2008, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December
19 31, 2008.