

# **SB 287 Subtraction Modification for Centenarians.p**

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**SB 287 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Centenarians  
Support  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Good afternoon Chairman Guzzone and members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. My name is Tammy Bresnahan. I am the Director of Advocacy for AARP MD. AARP Maryland is one of the largest membership-based organizations in the State. AARP MD and its 850,000 members support **SB 287 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Centenarians**. We thank Senator Hayes for introducing this bill.

As you may know, AARP is the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing the interests of Americans age 50 and older and their families. Key priorities of our organization include helping all Marylanders achieve financial and health security. In particular, AARP strongly believes that all individuals have the right to be self-reliant and live with dignity in retirement.

In short, this bill creates a subtraction modification against the State income tax for an individual who is at least 100 years of age. The maximum value of the subtraction modification is equal to \$50,000 of the income received by an individual during a taxable year if the individual is at least 100 years old on the last day of the taxable year. The bill takes effect July 1, 2021, and applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

To live to be 100 is a phenomenal achievement for anyone. Reaching 100 years of age signifies a fantastic life goal for both men and women. The CDC reports roughly 70,000 people living in the United States are centenarians, meaning about 0.2% of people make it to 100 in America. Allowing a subtraction modification to Marylanders who live to 100 and beyond is the right thing to do.

**AARP Maryland respectfully requests a favorable report for SB 287.**

For questions or additional information, please feel free to contact Tammy Bresnahan, Director of Advocacy at [tbresnahan@aarp.org](mailto:tbresnahan@aarp.org) or by calling 410-302-8451.

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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January 22th, 2021

**Testimony of Senator Antonio Hayes in Support of SB 287:  
Income Tax Subtraction Modification for Centenarians**

Dear Chairperson Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

Turning 100 years of age and joining Maryland's small group of centenarians is an astounding achievement, and one that should be honored.

**Senate Bill 287** will authorize a subtraction modification in Maryland income tax for the first \$50,000 that a person who is at least 100 years old earns. This legislation seeks to recognize our centenarians for the role that they played in building our society. After 100 years of dutifully paying taxes, they have more than contributed their fair share to our great state.

According to the Comptroller's office, in the tax year of 2018, Maryland was the host of around 850 taxpayers who are 100 years old and over. Of them, 410 would be eligible for this tax credit.

One of the most important groups that society has an obligation to provide for is the previous generation. Just as we expect the next generation to one day care for us, it is our responsibility to honor our elders who built the society we live in today. **SB 287** allows us to have the opportunity to give back to those who have built our wonderful state.

**I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 287.**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Antonio L. Hayes".

Senator Antonio L. Hayes  
40<sup>th</sup> Legislative District - MD

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**SB287**

**Centenarians Tax Credit**

**Senate Budget & Taxation**

**Position: Support**

The Maryland Catholic Conference (“Conference”) represents the public policy interests of the three Roman Catholic (arch) dioceses serving Maryland: the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington.

Senate Bill 287 creates a subtraction modification against the State income tax for an individual who is at least 100 years of age. The maximum value of the subtraction modification is equal to \$50,000 of the income received by an individual.

Pope Francis tells us, “*A population that does not take care of the elderly and of children and the young has no future, because it abuses both its memory and its promise*”. The dignity of the human person is one of the core principles in catholic social teaching. Thus, it is a moral imperative that we provide safeguards for our most vulnerable populations such as centenarians.

The Conference supports SB 287 because it puts the needs of the elderly first. When encouraging the pursuit of the common good, Pope Francis has said, “*It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about.*” SB 287 is a worthy endeavor in the pursuit of the common good for our most vulnerable population.

The Conference appreciates your consideration and, for these reasons, respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 287.

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**HB 28**

January 26, 2021

**TO:** Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

**FROM:** Natasha Mehu, Director of Government Relations

**RE:** HOUSE BILL 28 – PUBLIC HEALTH - IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING  
AND THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH  
DISPARITIES

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Peña-Melnyk, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 28.

HB 28 requires, among other provisions, the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and to provide updates at least every 6 months and develop a cultural competency program regarding implicit bias for health occupations.

In Baltimore City, extreme disparities exist between majority and minority residents. To address these disparities, greater data must be made available to local governments, as well as Maryland residents, to better focus assistance. Additionally, minority residents in the City are disadvantaged when their health providers dismiss their concerns due to a lack of cultural competency or biases of which they are not cognizant. Overall, this bill addresses many of the concerns BCA has with respect to its care for its most vulnerable minority residents.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on House Bill 28.