
By: Senator Ferguson

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Adoption Expenses**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain maximum amounts allowed as a subtraction
4 modification under the income tax for certain expenses incurred by adoptive parents
5 in the adoption of a child; and providing for the application of this Act.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Tax - General
8 Section 10-208(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1988 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Tax - General**

14 10-208.

15 (b) The subtraction under subsection (a) of this section includes reasonable and
16 necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, and other expenses not exceeding:

17 (1) [\$2,000] \$3,000 that a parent incurs in the adoption of a child whom the
18 State determines is a child with a special need, as described in § 473(c)(1) and (2) of the
19 Social Security Act, if the adoption is made through a private, not forprofit, licensed
20 adoption agency, or a public child welfare agency; and

21 (2) [\$1,000] \$2,000 that a parent incurs in the adoption of a child without a
22 special need as provided under item (1) of this subsection.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 1996 and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31,
25 1995.