

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 66

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 13, after "refund;" insert "requiring the Governor to transfer certain funds from the Revenue Stabilization Account of the State Reserve Fund to the General Fund for certain purposes; requiring the Spending Affordability Committee to include a certain recommendation in a certain report;".

On page 2, strike line 5 in its entirety and substitute "(1997 Replacement Volume)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 10, after "(2)" insert "(I)"; in line 12, strike "15%" and substitute "THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH"; and after line 13, insert:

"(II) THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE OF THE EARNED INCOME CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER § 32 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE REFUND PROVIDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IS:

1. 10% FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1997 BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2000;

2. 12.5% FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1999 BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2001; AND

3. 15% FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2000."

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, after line 27, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for Fiscal Year 1999 only, the Governor shall transfer \$14,500,000 from the Revenue Stabilization Account of the State Reserve Fund to the General Fund in order to offset the effect of this Act on State revenues and expedite the return of those funds set aside for the purpose of providing tax relief to the taxpayers of Maryland.”; and in line 28, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 28, after “That” insert “the Spending Affordability Committee shall include a recommendation in its final report of the 1999 interim as to the fiscal prudence of accelerating the phase-in of the earned income credit refund enacted under this Act.”

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That”.