BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 398 (Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute:

"Inheritance Tax Rate";

in line 4, strike "relatives of the decedent" and substitute "<u>beneficiaries</u>"; in line 8, strike "and"; in the same line, after "Act" insert "<u>; and generally relating to the inheritance tax rate</u>"; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 13, inclusive; and after line 18, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

<u>Article - Estates and Trusts</u> <u>Section 2-205(e)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (1991 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 13, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 20, strike "<u>EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS</u> <u>SECTION</u>,"; in line 21, strike "1%" and substitute "<u>0.9%</u>"; in line 27, strike the brackets; strike line 28 in its entirety; in line 29, strike "OR"; in line 30, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "<u>(VII)</u>"; in line 31, strike "<u>BROTHERS, SISTERS,</u>".

On page 3, in line 8, strike "(VII)" and substitute "(VI)"; in line 13, after "2001;" insert "<u>AND</u>"; in line 14, strike "<u>4%</u>" and substitute "<u>5%</u>"; in line 15, strike "<u>BUT BEFORE JULY 1,</u> 2002;" and substitute a period; and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 19, inclusive.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 19, insert:

"Article - Estates and Trusts

<u>2-205.</u>

(e) (1) If the fees and receipts of the office are insufficient in any [month] FISCAL YEAR to pay all or a part of the expenses of the office and authorized salary of a register, the deficiency shall be [deducted by the register for that month, from the taxes due the State Comptroller from the office for that month] FUNDED FROM THE TAXES REMITTED TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY BY THE REGISTER DURING THAT FISCAL YEAR. Written authority for the [deduction] TRANSFER OF FUNDS shall be first obtained from the State Comptroller.

(2) In the event that tax collections for the [month] FISCAL YEAR are insufficient, the Comptroller shall make up the deficit from [funds provided in the State budget for this purpose] EXCESS FEES REMITTED FROM ALL OTHER REGISTERS.".