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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Income Tax Exemption Amounts - Blind and Elderly Individuals

- 3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount allowed as a deduction for additional
- 4 exemptions under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who as of the
- 5 last day of the taxable year are blind or are at least a certain age; repealing
- 6 certain obsolete provisions; providing for the application of this Act; and
- 7 generally relating to certain exemptions allowed to be deducted to determine
- 8 Maryland taxable income.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Tax General
- 11 Section 10-211
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 Article - Tax - General

17 10-211.

- Whether or not a federal return is filed, to determine Maryland taxable income,
- 19 an individual other than a fiduciary may deduct [as] an exemption OF \$2,400:
- 20 (1) for each exemption that the individual may deduct in the taxable
- 21 year to determine federal taxable income under § 151 of the Internal Revenue Code[:
- 22 (i) \$1,750 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1997 but
- 23 before January 1, 1999;
- 24 (ii) \$1,850 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1998 but
- 25 before January 1, 2000;
- 26 (iii) \$1,850 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1999 but
- 27 before January 1, 2001;

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1 2 before January 1, 200	(iv) 02; and	\$2,100 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2000 but
3	(v)	\$2,400 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2001];
4 (2) 5 who is at least 65 year		dependent, as defined in § 152 of the Internal Revenue Code, the last day of the taxable year[, an additional:];
6 7 before January 1, 199	[(i) 99;	\$1,750 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1997 but
8 9 before January 1, 200	(ii) 00;	\$1,850 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1998 but
10 11 before January 1, 20	(iii) 01;	\$1,850 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1999 but
12 13 before January 1, 20	(iv) 02; and	\$2,100 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2000 but
14	(v)	\$2,400 for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2001;]
15 (3) FOR an additional [\$1,000] EXEMPTION if the individual, on the last 16 day of the taxable year, is at least 65 years old; and		
17 (4) FOR an additional [\$1,000] EXEMPTION if the individual, on the last 18 day of the taxable year, is a blind individual, as described in § 10-208(c) of this 19 subtitle.		

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002 and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 22 2001.