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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Law Enforcement Officer's**  
3 **Retirement Income**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income  
5 tax for certain retirement income received by an individual that is attributable  
6 to the individual's employment as a law enforcement officer; providing that  
7 retirement income that is included in a certain subtraction may not be taken  
8 into account for purposes of a certain subtraction modification allowed under  
9 the income tax for certain individuals who are at least a certain age or who are  
10 disabled or have disabled spouses; providing for the application of this Act; and  
11 generally relating to an income tax subtraction modification for certain  
12 retirement income received by an individual that is attributable to the  
13 individual's employment as a law enforcement officer.

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Tax - General  
16 Section 10-207(w)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 Article - Tax - General  
21 Section 10-209  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Tax - General**

2 10-207.

3 (W) THE SUBTRACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES  
4 RETIREMENT INCOME RECEIVED BY AN INDIVIDUAL DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR  
5 THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT AS A LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE, OR A POLITICAL  
7 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

8 10-209.

9 (a) In this section:

10 (1) "employee retirement system" means a plan:

11 (i) established and maintained by an employer for the benefit of its  
12 employees; and13 (ii) qualified under § 401(a), § 403, or § 457(b) of the Internal  
14 Revenue Code; and

15 (2) "employee retirement system" does not include:

16 (i) an individual retirement account or annuity under § 408 of the  
17 Internal Revenue Code;18 (ii) a Roth individual retirement account under § 408A of the  
19 Internal Revenue Code;

20 (iii) a rollover individual retirement account;

21 (iv) a simplified employee pension under Internal Revenue Code §  
22 408(k); or23 (v) an ineligible deferred compensation plan under § 457(f) of the  
24 Internal Revenue Code.

25 (b) [To] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, TO determine  
26 Maryland adjusted gross income, if, on the last day of the taxable year, a resident is at  
27 least 65 years old or is totally disabled or the resident's spouse is totally disabled, an  
28 amount is subtracted from federal adjusted gross income equal to the lesser of:

29 (1) the cumulative or total annuity, pension, or endowment income from  
30 an employee retirement system included in federal adjusted gross income; or31 (2) the maximum annual benefit under the Social Security Act computed  
32 under subsection (c) of this section, less any payment received as old age, survivors, or  
33 disability benefits under the Social Security Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, or both.

34 (c) For purposes of subsection (b)(2) of this section, the Comptroller:

1           (1)       shall determine the maximum annual benefit under the Social  
2 Security Act allowed for an individual who retired at age 65 for the prior calendar  
3 year; and

4           (2)       may allow the subtraction to the nearest \$100.

5       (D)       RETIREMENT INCOME THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE SUBTRACTION UNDER §  
6 10-207(W) OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR PURPOSES OF  
7 THE SUBTRACTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

8       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 July 1, 2002, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31,  
10 2001.