Unofficial Copy Q3

2004 Regular Session (4lr0194)

ENROLLED BILL

-- Budget and Taxation/Ways and Means --

Introduced by The President (By Request - Administration)

III O	Address by The Trestacht (By Request Trummistration)	
	Read and Examined by Proofreaders:	
		Proofreader.
Seale	ed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this	Proofreader.
	_ day of at o'clock,M.	
		President.
	CHAPTER	
1 A	AN ACT concerning	
2 3	Office of the Comptroller - Tax Compliance - Holding Companies <u>Settlement</u> <u>Period</u>	
4 F	FOR the purpose of authorizing the Comptroller to distribute, apportion, or allocate	
5	certain tax attributes between and among two or more organizations, trades, or	
6	businesses under certain circumstances; requiring that certain interest	
7 8	expenses and certain intangible expenses be added to the federal taxable income of a corporation to determine Maryland modified income under certain	
9	circumstances; requiring certain corporations under certain circumstances to	
10	include with an income tax return or otherwise file with the Comptroller a	
11	certain statement regarding certain dealings and transactions with related	
12	corporations; providing for a certain tax credit under certain circumstances;	
13	providing for a certain estimated payment; allowing the Comptroller to assess	
14	interest and penalty for failure to provide the required estimated payment;	
15	requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms;	
16	requiring the Comptroller to administer a certain Settlement Period during a	
17	certain period; providing for the applicability of the Settlement Period to certain	

1 (corporation income to	kes; requi	iring the C	Comptroller,	during	the Settlement
-----	-----------------------	------------	-------------	--------------	--------	----------------

- 2 Period, to waive certain penalties and to assess certain interest at not more than
- 3 <u>a certain rate under certain circumstances; providing that certain assessments</u>
- 4 for certain taxable years may not be enforced under certain circumstances;
- 5 making this Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; making the
- 6 provisions of this Act severable; providing for the effective date and application
- 7 of this Act; and generally relating to tax administration and compliance. and
- 8 *generally relating to a settlement period for corporation income taxes.*

9 BY adding to

- 10 Article Tax General
- 11 Section 10 109, 10 306.1, and 10 725
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Tax General
- 16 Section 10 804(e)(3)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 21 Article Tax General
- 22 10-109.
- 23 (A) FOR ORGANIZATIONS, TRADES, OR BUSINESSES DOING BUSINESS IN THE
- 24 STATE OF MARYLAND, THE COMPTROLLER MAY DISTRIBUTE, APPORTION, OR
- 25 ALLOCATE GROSS INCOME, DEDUCTIONS, CREDITS, OR ALLOWANCES BETWEEN AND
- 26 AMONG TWO OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS, TRADES, OR BUSINESSES, WHETHER OR NOT
- 27 INCORPORATED, WHETHER OR NOT ORGANIZED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND
- 28 WHETHER OR NOT AFFILIATED, IF:
- 29 (1) THE ORGANIZATIONS, TRADES, OR BUSINESSES ARE OWNED OR
- 30 CONTROLLED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE SAME INTERESTS WITHIN THE
- 31 MEANING OF § 482 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; AND
- 32 (2) THE COMPTROLLER DETERMINES THAT THE DISTRIBUTION,
- 33 APPORTIONMENT, OR ALLOCATION IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO REFLECT AN ARM'S
- 34 LENGTH STANDARD WITHIN THE MEANING OF § 1.482 1 OF THE REGULATIONS OF
- 35 THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OF THE U.S. TREASURY AND TO REFLECT
- 36 CLEARLY THE INCOME OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, TRADES, OR BUSINESSES.
- 37 (B) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL APPLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL
- 38 INTERPRETATIONS OF § 482 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE IN ADMINISTERING
- 39 THIS SECTION.

1	10 306.1.			
2 3	(A) INDICATED		IN THIS	SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
4		(2)	"BANK"	"MEANS:
7 8	SAVINGS B	ANK, O D UNDI	R SAVIN	A BANK HOLDING COMPANY AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL Y ACT OF 1956, AS AMENDED, OR A BANK, TRUST COMPANY, IGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED OR LAWS OF THIS STATE, ANOTHER STATE, OR THE UNITED
10 11	ITEM (I) OF	THIS P	(II) ARAGR	A SUBSIDIARY OR AFFILIATE OF AN ENTITY DESCRIBED IN APH.
12		(3)	"INTAN	IGIBLE EXPENSE" MEANS:
15 16 17	ACQUISITION ANY OF EXPENSE, I	ON, USI FHER D LOSS, O	E, MAIN ISPOSIT PR COST	AN EXPENSE, LOSS, OR COST FOR, RELATED TO, OR IN OR INDIRECT OF INTANGE, ION OF INTANGIBLE PROPERTY, TO THE EXTENT THE IS ALLOWED AS A DEDUCTION OR COST IN DETERMINING THE TAXABLE YEAR UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;
19 20	OR INDIRE	CTLY V	(II) VITH FA	A LOSS RELATED TO OR INCURRED IN CONNECTION DIRECTLY CTORING TRANSACTIONS OR DISCOUNTING TRANSACTIONS;
21			(III)	A ROYALTY, PATENT, TECHNICAL, OR COPYRIGHT FEE;
22			(IV)	A LICENSING FEE; OR
23			(V)	ANY OTHER SIMILAR EXPENSE OR COST.
			RADEM/	IGIBLE PROPERTY" MEANS PATENTS, PATENT APPLICATIONS, ARKS, SERVICE MARKS, COPYRIGHTS, AND SIMILAR TYPES
29	ALLOWED		EDUCTI	EST EXPENSE" MEANS AN AMOUNT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ON UNDER § 163 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR NG TAXABLE INCOME UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE
31 32		(6) ION RU		TED ENTITY" MEANS A PERSON THAT, UNDER THE \$ 318 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, IS:
				A STOCKHOLDER WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A MEMBER OF THE ENUMERATED IN § 318 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, ID THE MEMBERS OF THE STOCKHOLDER'S FAMILY OWN

- 1 DIRECTLY, INDIRECTLY, BENEFICIALLY, OR CONSTRUCTIVELY, IN THE AGGREGATE.
- 2 AT LEAST 50% OF THE VALUE OF THE TAXPAYER'S OUTSTANDING STOCK:
- 3 (II) A STOCKHOLDER OR A STOCKHOLDER'S PARTNERSHIP,
- 4 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ESTATE, TRUST, OR CORPORATION, IF THE
- 5 STOCKHOLDER AND THE STOCKHOLDER'S PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY
- 6 COMPANY, ESTATE, TRUST, OR CORPORATION OWN DIRECTLY, INDIRECTLY,
- 7 BENEFICIALLY, OR CONSTRUCTIVELY, IN THE AGGREGATE, AT LEAST 50% OF THE
- 8 VALUE OF THE TAXPAYER'S OUTSTANDING STOCK; OR
- 9 (III) A CORPORATION OR A PARTY RELATED TO THE CORPORATION
- 10 IN A MANNER THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN ATTRIBUTION OF STOCK FROM THE
- 11 CORPORATION TO THE PARTY OR FROM THE PARTY TO THE CORPORATION UNDER
- 12 THE ATTRIBUTION RULES OF § 318 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, IF THE
- 13 TAXPAYER OWNS DIRECTLY, INDIRECTLY, BENEFICIALLY, OR CONSTRUCTIVELY, AT
- 14 LEAST 50% OF THE VALUE OF THE CORPORATION'S OUTSTANDING STOCK.
- 15 (7) "RELATED MEMBER" MEANS A PERSON THAT, WITH RESPECT TO THE
- 16 TAXPAYER DURING ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE TAXABLE YEAR. IS:
- 17 (I) A RELATED ENTITY;
- 18 (II) A COMPONENT MEMBER, AS DEFINED IN § 1563(B) OF THE
- 19 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE: OR
- 20 (III) A PERSON TO OR FROM WHOM THERE IS ATTRIBUTION OF
- 21 STOCK OWNERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 1563(E) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
- 22 CODE
- 23 (B) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, IN ADDITION
- 24 TO THE MODIFICATIONS UNDER §§ 10-305 AND 10-306 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE
- 25 AMOUNTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE ADDED TO THE
- 26 FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME OF A CORPORATION TO DETERMINE MARYLAND
- 27 MODIFIED INCOME.
- 28 (2) THE ADDITION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION INCLUDES ANY
- 29 OTHERWISE DEDUCTIBLE INTEREST EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE IF THE
- 30 INTEREST EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAID.
- 31 ACCRUED, OR INCURRED TO, OR IN CONNECTION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WITH
- 32 ONE OR MORE DIRECT OR INDIRECT TRANSACTIONS WITH, ONE OR MORE RELATED
- 33 MEMBERS.
- 34 (C) THE ADDITION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION DOES
- 35 NOT APPLY TO ANY PORTION OF THE INTEREST EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE
- 36 TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CORPORATION ESTABLISHES. AS DETERMINED BY THE
- 37 COMPTROLLER, THAT:
- 38 (1) THE TRANSACTION GIVING RISE TO THE PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST
- 39 EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND THE

39

1 RELATED MEMBER DID NOT HAVE AS A PRINCIPAL PURPOSE THE AVOIDANCE OF 2 ANY PORTION OF THE TAX DUE UNDER THIS TITLE: THE INTEREST EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE WAS PAID 4 PURSUANT TO ARM'S LENGTH CONTRACTS AT AN ARM'S LENGTH RATE OF INTEREST 5 OR PRICE: AND DURING THE SAME TAXABLE YEAR. THE RELATED MEMBER (3)(I) 6 7 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAID, ACCRUED, OR INCURRED THE INTEREST EXPENSE 8 OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT A RELATED MEMBER. THE 9 INTEREST EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE: (II)THE RELATED MEMBER WAS SUBJECT TO A TAX 11 MEASURED BY ITS NET INCOME OR RECEIPTS IN THIS STATE AND OTHER STATES OR 12 POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OR FOREIGN NATIONS, IN ANOTHER STATE OR 13 POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR IN A FOREIGN NATION THAT HAS ENTERED 14 INTO A COMPREHENSIVE TAX TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; A MEASURE OF THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS STATE AND 15 2. 16 OTHER STATES OR POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OR FOREIGN NATIONS, BY 17 ANOTHER STATE OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR BY A FOREIGN NATION 18 THAT HAS ENTERED INTO A COMPREHENSIVE TAX TREATY WITH THE UNITED 19 STATES GOVERNMENT INCLUDED THE INTEREST EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE 20 EXPENSE RECEIVED BY THE RELATED MEMBER FROM THE CORPORATION; AND THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF TAX PAID BY THE RELATED 21 22 MEMBER TO THIS STATE AND OTHER STATES OR POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED 23 STATES OR FOREIGN NATIONS IN THE AGGREGATE ON THE AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY 24 THE RELATED MEMBER FROM THE CORPORATION IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 25 4%; OR 26 THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF TAX IMPOSED IN THE 27 AGGREGATE ON THE AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE RELATED MEMBER FROM THE 28 CORPORATION BY THIS STATE, BY OTHER STATES OR POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED 29 STATES, AND BY FOREIGN NATIONS THAT HAVE ENTERED INTO COMPREHENSIVE 30 TAX TREATIES WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER 31 THAN 4%; OR 32 (III) IN THE CASE OF AN INTEREST EXPENSE, THE CORPORATION 33 AND THE RELATED MEMBER ARE BANKS. 34 FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (C)(3)(II) OF THIS SECTION, THE (D) 35 COMPTROLLER MAY PROVIDE BY REGULATION FOR AN ALTERNATE CALCULATION 36 OF THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF TAX IMPOSED IN THE AGGREGATE ON THE AMOUNTS 37 RECEIVED BY THE RELATED MEMBER IF: 38 (1)THE RELATED MEMBER:

40 BY GROSS RECEIPTS OR IS MEASURED BY NET CAPITAL OR NET WORTH: AND

IS SUBJECT IN ANOTHER STATE TO A TAX THAT IS MEASURED

1 2	(II) IS NOT SUBJECT IN THAT STATE TO A TAX MEASURED BY NET INCOME OR RECEIPTS; OR
5	(2) UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COMPTROLLER DETERMINES THAT IT IS IMPRACTICAL FOR A RELATED MEMBER THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAX IN THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (C)(3)(II) HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.
-	(E) (1) FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF TAX IMPOSED IN THE AGGREGATE BY OTHER JURISDICTIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION:
	(I) THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF TAX IMPOSED BY A JURISDICTION IS THE STATUTORY RATE MULTIPLIED BY THE APPLICABLE APPORTIONMENT RATE; AND
15	(II) THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF TAX IMPOSED IN THE AGGREGATE IS THE SUM OF THE EFFECTIVE RATES OF TAX IMPOSED BY ALL JURISDICTIONS WHERE THE RELATED MEMBER IS SUBJECT TO TAX AND WHERE THE MEASURE OF THE TAX IMPOSED INCLUDED THE PAYMENT.
19 20	(2) EVEN IF THE PAYMENT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RELATED MEMBER'S INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF A COMBINED OR CONSOLIDATED RETURN FILED IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION, THE MEASURE OF THE TAX IMPOSED BY THAT JURISDICTION INCLUDES THE INTEREST EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION IF:
_	(<u>H</u>) THE INCOME OF THE CORPORATION THAT PAID, ACCRUED, OR INCURRED THE EXPENSE IS INCLUDED IN THE COMBINED OR CONSOLIDATED RETURN THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE RELATED MEMBER; AND
25 26	(II) THE PAYMENT IS NOT DEDUCTED BY THE PAYOR CORPORATION FOR PURPOSES OF THE COMBINED OR CONSOLIDATED RETURN.
27	(D) (F) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED:
	(1) TO REQUIRE A CORPORATION TO ADD TO ITS NET INCOME MORE THAN ONCE ANY AMOUNT OF INTEREST EXPENSE OR INTANGIBLE EXPENSE THAT THE CORPORATION PAYS, ACCRUES, OR INCURS TO A RELATED MEMBER; OR
31 32	(2) TO LIMIT OR NEGATE ANY OTHER AUTHORITY PROVIDED TO THE COMPTROLLER UNDER THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING:
33 34	(I) THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS UNDER § 10 109 OR § 10 402(D) OF THIS TITLE; OR
35 36	(II) THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND COMPROMISES OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY LAW.

- 1 (E) (G) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS THAT ARE 2 NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.
 3 10-725.
- 4 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS 5 INDICATED:
- 6 (2) "PAYEE CORPORATION" MEANS A CORPORATION <u>PERSON</u> THAT HAS
 7 RECEIVED PAYMENTS OF ROYALTIES, INTEREST, OR SIMILAR INCOME FROM
- 8 INTANGIBLES FROM A RELATED MEMBER.
- 9 (3) "RELATED MEMBER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN § 10 10-306.1 OF THIS TITLE.
- 11 (B) A PAYEE CORPORATION MAY CLAIM THE CREDIT DESCRIBED IN
- 12 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IF, FOR THE SAME TAXABLE YEAR, THE RELATED
- 13 MEMBER THAT PAID TO THE PAYEE CORPORATION THE ROYALTIES, INTEREST, OR
- 14 SIMILAR INCOME FROM INTANGIBLES:
- 15 (1) IS SUBJECT TO THE ADDITION MODIFICATION SET FORTH IN §
 16 10-306.1 OF THIS TITLE; AND
- 17 (2) PAID TO THE COMPTROLLER THE FULL AMOUNT OF MARYLAND
- 18 CORPORATION INCOME TAX DEVELOPED ON THE MARYLAND INCOME TAX RETURN
- 19 ON WHICH THE ADDITION MODIFICATION SET FORTH IN \$ 10-306.1 OF THIS TITLE
- 20 WAS INCLUDED.
- 21 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE AMOUNT OF
- 22 THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS EQUAL TO THE
- 23 MARYLAND INCOME TAX LIABILITY OF THE RELATED MEMBER THAT PAID THE
- 24 ROYALTIES, INTEREST, OR SIMILAR INCOME FROM INTANGIBLES TO THE PAYEE
- 25 CORPORATION, AS COMPUTED ON ITS MARYLAND INCOME TAX RETURN FILED WITH
- 26 THE COMPTROLLER, REDUCED BY THE MARYLAND INCOME TAX LIABILITY OF THE
- 27 RELATED MEMBER THAT PAID THE ROYALTIES, INTEREST, OR SIMILAR INCOME
- 28 FROM INTANGIBLES TO THE PAYEE CORPORATION, COMPUTED WITHOUT REGARD
- 29 TO THE ADDITION MODIFICATION REQUIRED IN § 10 306.1 OF THIS TITLE.
- 30 (2) (1) FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR, THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS
- 31 SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED THE STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY OF THE PAYEE FOR
- 32 THAT TAXABLE YEAR, CALCULATED BEFORE THE APPLICATION OF THE CREDIT
- 33 ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE CREDITS ALLOWED UNDER §§ 10 701 AND
- 34 10-701.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE BUT AFTER APPLICATION OF ANY OTHER CREDITS
- 35 ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.
- 36 (II) THE UNUSED AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR
- 37 MAY NOT BE CARRIED OVER TO ANY OTHER TAXABLE YEAR.
- 38 (D) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL BY REGULATION PROVIDE FOR THE
- 39 APPLICATION OF THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE CASE OF A PAYEE THAT

SENATE BILL 187

	IS AN S CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER ENTITY TREATED AS A PARTNERSHIP FOR TAX PURPOSES.
3	10-804.
4 5	(e) Each person required under this subtitle to file an income tax return or estimated income tax declaration or return shall:
6 7	(3) attach to an income tax return or otherwise file with the Comptroller any records or statements that the Comptroller requires, including:
	(i) for an individual who has income tax withheld from salary, wages, or other compensation for personal services, or other payments, a copy of the statement from the person who withholds the tax that states:
11 12	1. the amount of salary, wages, or other compensation for personal services paid and the income tax withheld; or
13 14	2. the amount of payments made and the income tax withheld; [and]
15	(ii) a copy of the federal income tax return:
16	1. for a corporation; and
17	2. if the Comptroller requests, for an individual; AND
20 21 22	(III) IF THE COMPTROLLER REQUESTS, FOR A CORPORATION THAT IS A MEMBER OF AN AFFILIATED GROUP OR CONTROLLED GROUP UNDER § 1504 OR § 1563 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, A STATEMENT OF ALL INTERMEMBER COSTS OR EXPENSES AND ALL INTERMEMBER SALES, EXCHANGES, OR OTHER TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE PROPERTY FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR.
24	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:
27	(a) all corporations required to make the addition to federal taxable income set forth in § 10-306.1 of the Tax - General Article shall make estimated tax payments under § 10-821 of the Tax - General Article that reflect any increased Maryland corporation income tax liability resulting from the addition; and
	(b) notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 13-602 and 13-702 of the Tax—General Article, with respect to those corporations required to make the addition to federal taxable income set forth in § 10-306.1 of the Tax—General Article, for all
	taxable years beginning in calendar year 2004 only, the payment of 110% or more of
	the tax paid for the prior taxable year, reduced by the credit allowed under § 10-703
	of the Tax - General Article, does not preclude the Comptroller from assessing:
35 36	(1) interest, under § 13-602 of the Tax General Article, on unpaid tax; and

- **SENATE BILL 187** 1 (2)penalty, under § 13 702 of the Tax General Article, on 2 underestimated tax. 3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That: 4 The Comptroller shall administer a Settlement Period from July 1, 2004 (a) 5 through November 1, 2004. The Settlement Period shall be applicable to the Maryland corporation 6 7 income tax that has been or may be assessed by the Comptroller on the basis of issues 8 that were ruled on by the Maryland Court of Appeals in the decisions in Comptroller 9 of the Treasury v. SYL, Inc., and Comptroller of the Treasury v. Crown Cork & Seal 10 Company (Delaware), Inc., 375 Md. 78 (2003), whether or not the assessment is or 11 was issued before or after the date of the decisions. 12 (c) A taxpayer may elect whether to have additional income tax 13 calculated as though otherwise deductible payments were added back to the paying 14 taxpayer's federal taxable income, or as though the receiving taxpayer were subject to 15 the Maryland corporation income tax. The Maryland income tax may not be imposed more than once for the 16 (2) 17 same transaction. The Comptroller shall waive all penalties attributable to the taxes paid 18 during the Settlement Period. 19 20 The Comptroller shall assess interest on taxes paid during the Settlement 21 Period at a rate not to exceed 6.5% per year. 22 (f) If all taxes and related interest described above are paid during the 23 Settlement Period for the taxpayer's taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 24 1995 and ending on or before December 31, 2003, then no assessment for any taxable 25 year beginning before January 1, 1995 may be enforced. SECTION 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision this 26 27 Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any
- 28 reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other
- 29 provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the
- 30 invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are
- 31 declared severable.
- SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 32
- 33 effect July 1, 2004, and, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, shall be applicable
- 34 to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2003.
- 35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 36 July 1, 2004, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter (H.B. 297) of the Acts of
- 37 the General Assembly of 2004, and if Chapter _ does not become effective, this Act
- 38 *shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.*