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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Teachers' Retirement Income**

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

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article -Tax - General  
15 Section 10-207(a)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article - Tax - General  
20 Section 10-207(w)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article - Tax - General  
25 Section 10-209  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Tax - General**

4 10-207.

5 (a) To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amounts under  
6 this section are subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income of a resident to  
7 determine Maryland adjusted gross income.

8 (W) THE SUBTRACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES  
9 THE FIRST \$5,000 OF RETIREMENT INCOME RECEIVED BY AN INDIVIDUAL DURING  
10 THE TAXABLE YEAR THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT IN  
11 THE STATE AS A CERTIFICATED TEACHER IN THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR  
12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF THE STATE.

13 10-209.

14 (a) In this section:

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

16 (i) established and maintained by an employer for the benefit of its  
17 employees; and

18 (ii) qualified under § 401(a), § 403, or § 457(b) of the Internal  
19 Revenue Code; and

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

21 (i) an individual retirement account or annuity under § 408 of the  
22 Internal Revenue Code;

23 (ii) a Roth individual retirement account under § 408A of the  
24 Internal Revenue Code;

25 (iii) a rollover individual retirement account;

26 (iv) a simplified employee pension under Internal Revenue Code §  
27 408(k); or

28 (v) an ineligible deferred compensation plan under § 457(f) of the  
29 Internal Revenue Code.

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

1 (1) the cumulative or total annuity, pension, or endowment income from  
2 an employee retirement system included in federal adjusted gross income; or

3 (2) the maximum annual benefit under the Social Security Act computed  
4 under subsection (c) of this section, less any payment received as old age, survivors, or  
5 disability benefits under the Social Security Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, or both.

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

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

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

11 (D) RETIREMENT INCOME THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE SUBTRACTION UNDER §  
12 10-207(W) OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR PURPOSES OF  
13 THE SUBTRACTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
15 effect July 1, 2006, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after  
16 December 31, 2005.