
By: **Chairman, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Comptroller)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Comptroller - Business Trusts**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain definitions to clarify that a business trust not
4 taxed as a corporation is subject to a certain tax imposed on pass-through
5 entities; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a
6 certain tax imposed on pass-through entities.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Tax - General
9 Section 10-102.1(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Tax - General**

15 10-102.1.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) "Distributable cash flow" means taxable income reportable by a
18 pass-through entity on its federal income tax return for the taxable year:

19 (i) adjusted, in the case of an entity using the accrual method of
20 accounting to report federal taxable income, to reflect the amount of taxable income
21 that would have been reported under the cash method of accounting;

22 (ii) increased by the sum of:

23 1. cash receipts for the taxable year that are not includable
24 in the gross income of the entity, including capital contributions and loan proceeds;

1 2. amounts allowable to the entity for the taxable year as
2 deductions for depreciation, amortization, and depletion; and

3 3. the decrease, if any, in the entity's liability reserve as of
4 the end of the taxable year; and

5 (iii) decreased by the sum of:

6 1. cash expenditures for the taxable year that are not
7 deductible in computing the taxable income of the entity, not including distributions
8 to shareholders, partners, or members; and

9 2. the increase, if any, in the entity's liability reserve as of
10 the end of the taxable year.

11 (3) "Liability reserve" means accrued unpaid liabilities that are not
12 deductible in computing taxable income.

13 (4) "Member" means:

14 (i) a shareholder of an S corporation;

15 (ii) a general or limited partner of a partnership, limited
16 partnership, or limited liability partnership; [or]

17 (iii) a member of a limited liability company; OR

18 (IV) A BENEFICIARY OF A BUSINESS TRUST.

19 (5) "Nonresident entity" means an entity that is not formed under the
20 laws of the State and is not qualified by or registered with the Department of
21 Assessments and Taxation to do business in the State.

22 (6) "Nonresident taxable income" means any income described in §
23 10-210(b)(1) through (4) of this title.

24 (7) "Pass-through entity" means:

25 (i) an S corporation;

26 (ii) a partnership; [or]

27 (iii) a limited liability company that is not taxed as a corporation
28 under this title; OR

29 (IV) A BUSINESS TRUST THAT IS NOT TAXED AS A CORPORATION
30 UNDER THIS TITLE.

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

