A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income

FOR the purpose of including income from certain retirement plans within a certain
subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain
individuals who are at least a certain age or who are disabled or whose spouse is
disabled; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a
subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals
for certain retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General
Section 10–209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Tax – General

10–209.

(a) In this section:

(1) [“employee], [“QUALIFIED retirement [system”] PLAN” means [a
plan]:

(i) established and maintained by an employer for the benefit of
its employees; and
(ii) (1) A RETIREMENT PLAN qualified under § 401(a), § 403, or § 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code; [and]

[(2) “employee retirement system” does not include:

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

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

(iii) a rollover individual retirement account;

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

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

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR ANNUITY UNDER § 408 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;

(3) A ROTH INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT UNDER § 408A OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;

(4) A SIMPLIFIED EMPLOYEE PENSION UNDER § 408(k) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; OR

(5) AN INELIGIBLE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN UNDER § 457(f) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

(b) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, to determine Maryland adjusted gross income, if, on the last day of the taxable year, a resident is at least 65 years old or is totally disabled or the resident’s spouse is totally disabled, an amount is subtracted from federal adjusted gross income equal to the lesser of:

(1) [the cumulative or total annuity, pension, or endowment income from an employee] THE TOTAL INCOME FROM A QUALIFIED retirement [system] PLAN included in federal adjusted gross income FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR; or

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

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

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

(d) Military retirement income that is included in the subtraction under § 10–207(q) of this subtitle may not be taken into account for purposes of the subtraction under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.