

SENATE BILL 509

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By: **Senator Middleton**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Estate Tax – Exclusion for Qualified Agricultural Property**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the determination of the Maryland estate tax under
4 certain circumstances to exclude from the value of the gross estate the value of
5 certain agricultural property; providing for the recapture of certain Maryland
6 estate tax under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt
7 certain regulations; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain
8 terms; and generally relating to the Maryland estate tax.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Tax – General
11 Section 7–309(b)(1) and (2)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Tax – General
16 Section 7–309(c)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 7–309.

23 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) through (7) of this subsection
24 **AND SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION**, after the effective date of an Act of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Congress described in subsection (a) of this section, the Maryland estate tax shall be
2 determined using:

3 (i) the federal credit allowable by § 2011 of the Internal
4 Revenue Code as in effect before the reduction or repeal of the federal credit pursuant
5 to the Act of Congress; and

6 (ii) other provisions of federal estate tax law as in effect on the
7 date of the decedent's death.

8 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) through (7) of this subsection
9 **AND SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION**, if the federal estate tax is not in effect on
10 the date of the decedent's death, the Maryland estate tax shall be determined using:

11 (i) the federal credit allowable by § 2011 of the Internal
12 Revenue Code as in effect before the reduction or repeal of the federal credit pursuant
13 to the Act of Congress; and

14 (ii) other provisions of federal estate tax law as in effect on the
15 date immediately preceding the effective date of the repeal of the federal estate tax.

16 **(C) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE**
17 **THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

18 **(II) "FARMING PURPOSES" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
19 **2032A(E)(5) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.**

20 **(III) "QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY" MEANS REAL**
21 **OR PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS USED PRIMARILY FOR FARMING PURPOSES.**

22 **(IV) "QUALIFIED RECIPIENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**
23 **ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT TO USE QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY**
24 **FOR FARMING PURPOSES AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH.**

25 **(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
26 **MARYLAND ESTATE TAX SHALL BE DETERMINED BY EXCLUDING FROM THE**
27 **VALUE OF THE GROSS ESTATE THE VALUE OF QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL**
28 **PROPERTY THAT PASSES FROM THE DECEDENT TO OR FOR THE USE OF A**
29 **QUALIFIED RECIPIENT.**

30 **(3) THE MARYLAND ESTATE TAX SHALL BE RECAPTURED IF,**
31 **WITHIN 10 YEARS AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH AND BEFORE THE DEATH OF A**
32 **QUALIFIED RECIPIENT, THE QUALIFIED RECIPIENT CEASES TO USE THE**
33 **QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY FOR FARMING PURPOSES.**

1 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE ESTATE TAX IMPOSED BY PARAGRAPH
2 (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE THE ADDITIONAL MARYLAND ESTATE TAX
3 THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF THE DECEDENT'S DEATH
4 BUT FOR THE EXCLUSION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

5 (5) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
6 PROVIDE FOR THE RECAPTURE OF THE ESTATE TAX UNDER PARAGRAPHS (3)
7 AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2008, and shall be applicable to decedents dying after December 31, 2007.