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Income Tax - Repeal of the 1997 Income Tax Reduction State and Local Revenue and Financing Act of 2012

FOR the purpose of altering the State income tax rate on certain income of individuals; requiring the Comptroller to waive certain interest and penalties for a certain calendar year to a certain extent; altering, for certain taxable years, the percentage of the federal earned income credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the State earned income tax credit under certain circumstances; altering a certain definition for certain purposes under the sales and use tax; providing that for purposes of certain provisions of the sales and use tax law certain persons shall be presumed under certain circumstances to have an agent, canvasser, representative, salesman, independent contractor, or solicitor operating in the State for certain purposes; providing that a certain presumption may be rebutted by certain proof; altering certain tax rates for certain cigars and certain tobacco products; providing that, for purposes of the recordation tax, secured debt with respect to certain mortgages, deeds of trust, and other security interests in real property securing a guarantee of repayment of a loan for a certain amount is deemed to be incurred as debt is incurred on the guaranteed loan and, with respect to those mortgages, deeds of trust, and other security interests, the recordation tax applies in a certain manner; altering certain grants to counties under the Aging Schools Program for certain fiscal years; providing for the distribution of certain income tax revenue in a certain manner; altering certain maintenance of effort amounts required for a certain fiscal year under certain circumstances; altering the amount of a certain fee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1	repealing a certain exemption to the sales and use tax for certain sales in the
2	form of a demurrage charge; repealing a certain modification for purposes of
3	determining Maryland taxable income for certain public utilities; repealing a
4	certain credit against the State income tax for certain public utilities; repealing
5	an obsolete provision; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
6	relating to altering the calculation of the State income tax requiring the
7	Comptroller to waive certain interest and penalties for a certain calendar year
8	to a certain extent; authorizing the Comptroller to provide an alternative
9	method of assessing and collecting a certain additional tax; requiring certain
0	revenue to be remitted to the Comptroller by a certain date; defining certain
1	terms; providing for the application and construction of certain provisions of
12	this Act; and generally relating to altering certain taxes and fees State and local
13	revenues and finances.
L4	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15	Article – Tax – General
16	Section 2-609, 10-105(a) and (d), 10-704(b), 11-701(b), and 12-105(b)
L 7	Annotated Code of Maryland
18	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
19	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20	Article – Tax – General
21	Section 10–704(a)
22	Annotated Code of Maryland
23	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
24	BY adding to
25	Article – Tax – General
26	Section 2–608.2 and 11–701.1
27	Annotated Code of Maryland
28	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
29	BY adding to
30	$\underline{\text{Article} - \text{Tax} - \text{Property}}$
31	Section $12-105(f)(7)$
32	Annotated Code of Maryland
33	(2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
34	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
35	Article – Education
36	$\underline{\text{Section } 5206(f)(2)}$
37	Annotated Code of Maryland
88	(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
39	(As enacted by Chapter (S.B. 152) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
10	<u>2012)</u>

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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1 2 3 4	Article – State Government Section 9–1604(b)(1)(vi) Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
5 6 7 8 9	BY repealing Article – Tax – General Section 10–306(c), 10–708, and 11–202 Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
10 11	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
12	Article - Tax - General
13	10–105.
14 15 16	(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, for FOR an individual other than an individual described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the State income tax rate is:
17	(i) 2% of Maryland taxable income of \$1 through \$1,000;
18	(ii) 3% of Maryland taxable income of \$1,001 through \$2,000;
19	(iii) 4% of Maryland taxable income of \$2,001 through \$3,000;
20 21	(iv) [4.75%] 5 % 4.9 % of Maryland taxable income of \$3,001 through \$150,000 \$25,000 ;
22 23	(v) 4.95% OF MARYLAND TAXABLE INCOME OF \$25,001 THROUGH \$75,000;
24 25	(VI) 5% OF MARYLAND TAXABLE INCOME OF \$75,001 THROUGH \$150,000;
26 27	(v) (VII) [5%] 5.25 % of Maryland taxable income of \$150,001 through \$300,000; <u>AND</u>
28 29	(vi) (VIII) [5.25%] 5.5 % of Maryland taxable income of \$300,001 through \$500,000 ; and
30 31	(vii) (IX) [5.5%] 5.75% of Maryland taxable income in excess of \$500,000.

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1	(3) THE STATE INCOME TAX RATE IS 5.75% APPLIED TO ALL OF
2	THE INDIVIDUAL'S MARYLAND TAXABLE INCOME IF AN INDIVIDUAL HAS
3	MARYLAND TAXABLE INCOME IN EXCESS OF \$500,000.
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4	(d) (1) [For] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR
5	<u>a nonresident:</u>
6	[(1)] (I) the rates specified in subsection (a) of this section apply to
7	the nonresident's Maryland taxable income, calculated without regard to the
8	subtractions under § 10–210(b), (e), and (f) of this title; and
O	subtractions under § 10–210(b), (e), and (i) of time title, and
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9	(2) the State income tax imposed equals the result obtained
10	under item [(1) of this subsection] (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH multiplied times a
11	<u>fraction:</u>
12	(i) the numerator of which is the nonresident's Maryland
13	taxable income, calculated with the subtractions under § 10–210(b), (e), and (f) of this
14	title; and
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15	(ii) the denominator of which is the nonresident's Maryland
	
16	taxable income, calculated without regard to the subtractions under § 10–210(b), (e),
17	and (f) of this title.
18	(2) IF A NONRESIDENT HAS MARYLAND TAXABLE INCOME,
19	CALCULATED WITHOUT REGARD TO THE SUBTRACTIONS UNDER § 10-210(B),
20	(E), AND (F) OF THIS TITLE, IN EXCESS OF \$500,000, THE STATE INCOME TAX
21	IMPOSED EQUALS THE STATE INCOME TAX RATE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION
22	(A)(3) OF THIS SECTION APPLIED TO ALL OF THE NONRESIDENT'S MARYLAND
23	TAXABLE INCOME, CALCULATED WITH THE SUBTRACTIONS UNDER § 10–210(B),
24	(E), AND (F) OF THIS TITLE.
25	<u>10–704.</u>
26	(a) (1) An individual may claim a credit against the State income tax for a
27	taxable year in the amount determined under subsection (b) of this section for earned
28	income.
20	income.
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29	(2) An individual may claim a credit against the county income tax for
30	a taxable year in the amount determined under subsection (c) of this section for earned
31	<u>income.</u>
32	(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and subject
33	to subsection (d) of this section, the credit allowed against the State income tax under
34	subsection (a)(1) of this section is the lesser of:

$\frac{1}{2}$	(i) 50% of the earned income credit allowable for the taxable year under § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code; or
3	(ii) the State income tax for the taxable year.
$\frac{4}{5}$	(2) (I) An individual may claim a refund in the amount, if any, by which [25%] THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II)
6	OF THIS PARAGRAPH of the earned income credit allowable for the taxable year
7	under § 32 of the Internal Revenue Code exceeds the State income tax for the taxable
8	year.
9	(II) THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE OF THE EARNED
10	INCOME CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER § 32 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO
11	BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE REFUND PROVIDED UNDER THIS
12	PARAGRAPH IS:
13	1. 26% FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
14	DECEMBER 31, 2011, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013;
15	2. 27% FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
16	DECEMBER 31, 2012, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014;
17	3. 28% FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
18	DECEMBER 31, 2013, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015;
19	4. 29% FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
20	DECEMBER 31, 2014, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016; AND
21	5. 30% FOR A TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
22	DECEMBER 31, 2015.
23	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
24	read as follows:
25	<u> Article – Tax – General</u>
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26	<u>11–701.</u>
27	(b) (1) "Engage in the business of an out-of-state vendor" means to sell or
28	deliver tangible personal property or a taxable service for use in the State.
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29	(2) "Engage in the business of an out-of-state vendor" includes:
30	(i) permanently or temporarily maintaining, occupying, or
31	using any office, sales or sample room, or distribution, storage, warehouse, or other

- place for the sale of tangible personal property or a taxable service directly or indirectly through an agent or subsidiary;
- 3 <u>(ii) having an agent, canvasser, representative, salesman,</u>
- 4 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, or solicitor operating in the State for the purpose of
- 5 delivering, selling, or taking orders for tangible personal property or a taxable service;
- 6 or
- 7 (iii) entering the State on a regular basis to provide service or
- 8 <u>repair for tangible personal property.</u>
- 9 11-701.1.
- 10 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SELLER" MEANS A PERSON MAKING SALES OF
- 11 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR A TAXABLE SERVICE.
- 12 (B) FOR PURPOSES OF § 11–701(B)(2)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A SELLER
- 13 SHALL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE AN AGENT, CANVASSER, REPRESENTATIVE,
- 14 SALESMAN, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, OR SOLICITOR OPERATING IN THE
- 15 STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING OR TAKING ORDERS FOR TANGIBLE
- 16 PERSONAL PROPERTY OR A TAXABLE SERVICE IF:
- 17 (1) THE SELLER ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A RESIDENT
- 18 OF THE STATE UNDER WHICH THE RESIDENT, FOR A COMMISSION OR OTHER
- 19 CONSIDERATION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY REFERS POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS
- 20 TO THE SELLER, WHETHER BY A LINK ON AN INTERNET WEB SITE, OR
- 21 **OTHERWISE**; AND
- 22 (2) THE CUMULATIVE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM SALES BY THE
- 23 SELLER TO CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE WHO ARE REFERRED TO THE SELLER BY
- 24 ALL RESIDENTS HAVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SELLER AS DESCRIBED IN
- 25 ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GREATER THAN \$10,000 DURING THE
- 26 PRECEDING FOUR QUARTERLY PERIODS ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF
- FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, AND NOVEMBER.
- 28 (C) THE PRESUMPTION UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE REBUTTED BY
- 29 PROOF THAT THE RESIDENT WITH WHOM THE SELLER HAS AN AGREEMENT AS
- 30 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION DID NOT ENGAGE IN ANY
- 31 SOLICITATION IN THE STATE ON BEHALF OF THE SELLER THAT WOULD SATISFY
- 32 THE NEXUS REQUIREMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION DURING
- 33 THE FOUR QUARTERLY PERIODS IN QUESTION.
- 34 (D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO NARROW THE SCOPE OF
- 35 THE TERMS "AGENT", "CANVASSER", "REPRESENTATIVE", "SALESMAN",
- 36 "INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR", AND "SOLICITOR" FOR PURPOSES OF §

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1 2	11–701(B)(2)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE OR FOR PURPOSES OF ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW.
3	<u>12–105.</u>
4	(b) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
5	SUBSECTION, THE tobacco tax rate for other tobacco products is [15%] 20% of the
6	wholesale price of the tobacco products.
7	(2) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "PREMIUM CIGARS" HAS THE
8	MEANING STATED IN § 16.5–101 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.
9	(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS
10	PARAGRAPH, THE TOBACCO TAX RATE FOR CIGARS IS 70% OF THE WHOLESALE
11	PRICE OF THE CIGARS.
12	(III) THE TOBACCO TAX RATE FOR PREMIUM CIGARS IS 20%
13	OF THE WHOLESALE PRICE OF THE PREMIUM CIGARS.
14	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
15	<u>read as follows:</u>
16	<u> Article - Tax - Property</u>
17	<u>12–105.</u>
18	(f) (7) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "INDEMNITY MORTGAGE"
19	INCLUDES ANY MORTGAGE, DEED OF TRUST, OR OTHER SECURITY INTEREST IN
20	REAL PROPERTY THAT SECURES A GUARANTEE OF REPAYMENT OF A LOAN FOR
21	WHICH THE GUARANTOR IS NOT PRIMARILY LIABLE.
22	(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS
23	PARAGRAPH:
24	1. SECURED DEBT WITH RESPECT TO AN INDEMNITY
25	MORTGAGE IS DEEMED TO BE INCURRED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION
26	WHEN AND TO THE SAME EXTENT AS DEBT IS INCURRED ON THE GUARANTEED
27	LOAN; AND

28 <u>THE RECORDATION TAX APPLIES UNDER THIS</u>

29 SUBSECTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS IF THE GUARANTOR WERE PRIMARILY

30 <u>LIABLE FOR THE GUARANTEED LOAN.</u>

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(III) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY:

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4 5	GUARANTEE OF R	EPAY	2. TO AN INDEMNITY MORTGAGE THAT SECURES A MENT OF A LOAN FOR LESS THAN \$1,000,000.
6 7	SECTION 4 read as follows:	. AND	BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
8			<u>Article – Education</u>
9	<u>5–206.</u>		
10 11	(f) (2) level for a county is		cal year 2013 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the funding ollowing amounts for the following counties:
12		<u>(i)</u>	Allegany County
13		<u>(ii)</u>	<u>Anne Arundel County</u> [\$506,038] \$2,472,000 ;
14		<u>(iii)</u>	Baltimore City[\$1,387,924] \$6,781,000 ;
15		<u>(iv)</u>	Baltimore County[\$874,227] \$5,874,000 ;
16		<u>(v)</u>	<u>Calvert County</u>
17		<u>(vi)</u>	<u>Caroline County</u>
18		<u>(vii)</u>	<u>Carroll County</u> [\$137,261] \$670,000 ;
19		(viii)	<u>Cecil County</u>
20		<u>(ix)</u>	<u>Charles County</u>
21		<u>(x)</u>	<u>Dorchester County</u>
22		<u>(xi)</u>	Frederick County
23		<u>(xii)</u>	Garrett County
24		(xiii)	<u>Harford County</u> [\$217,379] \$1,062,000 ;
25		(xiv)	Howard County

1		<u>(xv)</u>	Kent County
2		(xvi)	Montgomery County[\$602,651] \$4,603,000;
3		(xvii)	Prince George's County[\$1,209,426] \$5,909,000 ;
4		(xviii)	Queen Anne's County
5		<u>(xix)</u>	St. Mary's County
6		<u>(xx)</u>	Somerset County
7		(xxi)	Talbot County
8		(xxii)	Washington County
9		(xxiii)	<u>Wicomico County</u>
10		(xxiv)	Worcester County
1			<u>Article - State Government</u>
12	<u>9–1604.</u>		
13	<u>(b)</u> <u>(1)</u>	The C	Chief Administrative Law Judge may:
14		<u>(vi)</u>	assess fees to cover administrative expenses as follows:
15			1. to file an appeal, a fee not exceeding:
16 17	suspension or rev	ocation	A. [\$125] \$150 for an appeal of a driver's license related to a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law; and
18			B. \$50 for all other types of appeals; and
19			<u>to process a subpoena, a fee not exceeding \$5.</u>
20			<u> Article – Tax – General</u>
21	<u>2-608.2.</u>		
22			AL YEAR 2013, AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTION
23 24		_	2-604 THROUGH § 2-608.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DISTRIBUTE \$3,000,000 TO ELIGIBLE MUNICIPALITIES

- IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALLOCATION UNDER § 8-405 OF THE 1
- 2 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.
- 3 A DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY (B)
- ONLY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN § 8-408 OF THE 4
- TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE. 5
- 6 2-609.
- 7 After making the distributions required under §§ 2–604 through [2–608.1]
- 8 2-608.2 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall distribute the remaining income tax
- 9 revenue from individuals to the General Fund of the State.
- 10 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 10–306(c) and
- 11 10–708 of Article – Tax – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.
- SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 11–202 of 12
- 13 Article – Tax – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.
- 14 SECTION 2. 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Comptroller shall
- 15 waive any interest or penalty imposed on an individual relating to payment of
- estimated income tax for calendar year 2012 to the extent that the Comptroller 16
- 17 determines that the interest or penalty would not have been incurred but for an
- 18 increase in the income tax rates for calendar year 2012 under Section 1 of this Act.
- 19 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as provided in §
- 2012–105 of the Tax – General Article, all other tobacco products used, possessed, or held
- in the State on or after July 1, 2012, by any person for sale or use in the State, shall be 21
- 22subject to the full tax on other tobacco products, as enacted under this Act. The
- Comptroller may provide an alternative method of assessing and collecting the 23
- additional tax. The revenue attributable to this requirement shall be remitted to the 24
- Comptroller by October 15, 2012. 25
- 26 SECTION 3. 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 5 of
- 27this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012, and shall be applicable to all taxable years
- 28beginning after December 31, 2011.
- 29SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2016, the
- additional maintenance of effort amount for a county required in Ch. (S.B. 152) of 30
- 31 the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012 shall be reduced by the amount that total
- 32funding for the Aging Schools Program exceeds \$6,100,000 in fiscal year 2016,
- multiplied by the proportion for that county of the total allocation under Section 4 of 33
- 34this Act.
- 35 SECTION 10. 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 2 and 6 of
- this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012. 36

SECTION 12. 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherw provided in this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2012.
Approved:
Approved.
Governor.
President of the Senate.