

# HOUSE BILL 739

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By: **The Speaker and Delegates Hixson, F. Turner, Beidle, Bohanan, Branch, Bromwell, Cane, Cardin, Clagett, Clippinger, Conway, Davis, DeBoy, Dumais, Frick, Gaines, Gilchrist, Griffith, Gutierrez, Guzzone, Hammen, Haynes, Healey, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Ivey, James, Jameson, Jones, Kaiser, A. Kelly, Kramer, Lafferty, Lee, Malone, McHale, McIntosh, A. Miller, Mitchell, Murphy, Olszewski, Pendergrass, B. Robinson, Rudolph, Simmons, Stein, Stukes, Tarrant, Valderrama, Valentino-Smith, Vallario, Walker, A. Washington, Wilson, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Estate Tax – Unified Credit**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining  
4 the Maryland estate tax; repealing a certain limit on the unified credit used for  
5 determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying after a certain date;  
6 altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax; and  
7 generally relating to the Maryland estate tax.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Tax – General  
10 Section 7–309(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Tax – General  
15 Section 7–309(b)(1), (2), and (3)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Tax – General**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 7-309.

2 (a) Notwithstanding an Act of Congress that repeals or reduces the federal  
3 credit under § 2011 of the Internal Revenue Code, the provisions of this subtitle in  
4 effect before the passage of the Act of Congress shall apply with respect to a decedent  
5 who dies after the effective date of the Act of Congress so as to continue the Maryland  
6 estate tax in force without reduction in the same manner as if the federal credit had  
7 not been repealed or reduced.

8 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) through (8) of this subsection  
9 and subsection (c) of this section, after the effective date of an Act of Congress  
10 described in subsection (a) of this section, the Maryland estate tax shall be determined  
11 using:

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

15 (ii) other provisions of federal estate tax law, **INCLUDING THE**  
16 **APPLICABLE UNIFIED CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE FEDERAL ESTATE TAX**, as  
17 in effect on the date of the decedent's death.

18 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) through (8) of this subsection  
19 and subsection (c) of this section, if the federal estate tax is not in effect on the date of  
20 the decedent's death, the Maryland estate tax shall be determined using:

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

24 (ii) other provisions of federal estate tax law, **INCLUDING THE**  
25 **APPLICABLE UNIFIED CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE FEDERAL ESTATE TAX**, as  
26 in effect on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the repeal of the  
27 federal estate tax.

28 (3) (i) Notwithstanding any increase in the unified credit allowed  
29 against the federal estate tax for decedents dying after 2003, the unified credit used  
30 for determining the Maryland estate tax **FOR A DECEDENT DYING BEFORE**  
31 **JANUARY 1, 2017**, may not exceed the applicable credit amount corresponding to an  
32 applicable exclusion amount [of \$1,000,000], within the meaning of § 2010(c) of the  
33 Internal Revenue Code, **OF:**

34 1. **\$1,000,000 FOR A DECEDENT DYING BEFORE**  
35 **JANUARY 1, 2014;**

1                                   **2.     \$1,750,000 FOR A DECEDENT DYING ON OR AFTER**  
2 **JANUARY 1, 2014, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015;**

3                                   **3.     \$2,500,000 FOR A DECEDENT DYING ON OR AFTER**  
4 **JANUARY 1, 2015, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016; AND**

5                                   **4.     \$3,500,000 FOR A DECEDENT DYING ON OR AFTER**  
6 **JANUARY 1, 2016, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017.**

7                                   (ii)    The Maryland estate tax shall be determined without regard  
8 to any deduction for State death taxes allowed under § 2058 of the Internal Revenue  
9 Code.

10                                  (iii)   Unless the federal credit allowable by § 2011 of the Internal  
11 Revenue Code is in effect on the date of the decedent's death, the federal credit used to  
12 determine the Maryland estate tax may not exceed 16% of the amount by which the  
13 decedent's taxable estate, as defined in § 2051 of the Internal Revenue Code, exceeds:

14                                   **1.     \$1,000,000 FOR A DECEDENT DYING BEFORE**  
15 **JANUARY 1, 2014;**

16                                   **2.     \$1,750,000 FOR A DECEDENT DYING ON OR AFTER**  
17 **JANUARY 1, 2014, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015;**

18                                   **3.     \$2,500,000 FOR A DECEDENT DYING ON OR AFTER**  
19 **JANUARY 1, 2015, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016;**

20                                   **4.     \$3,500,000 FOR A DECEDENT DYING ON OR AFTER**  
21 **JANUARY 1, 2016, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017; AND**

22                                   **5.     THE APPLICABLE EXCLUSION AMOUNT**  
23 **CORRESPONDING TO THE APPLICABLE UNIFIED CREDIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)**  
24 **OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR A DECEDENT DYING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1,**  
25 **2017.**

26                                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 July 1, 2014.