

# SENATE BILL 570

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax Credit – Qualified Research and Development Expenses – Credit**  
3 **Amounts**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the total amount of research and development tax credits  
5 that the Department of Business and Economic Development may approve in a  
6 calendar year; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to  
7 certain credits against the State income tax based on certain expenses paid or  
8 incurred for certain research and development conducted in the State.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Tax – General  
11 Section 10–721(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Tax – General  
16 Section 10–721(c)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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



1 **Article – Tax – General**

2 10–721.

3 (b) Subject to the limitations of this section, an individual or a corporation  
4 may claim credits against the State income tax in an amount equal to:

5 (1) 3% of the Maryland qualified research and development expenses,  
6 not exceeding the Maryland base amount for the individual or corporation, paid or  
7 incurred by the individual or corporation during the taxable year; and

8 (2) 10% of the amount by which the Maryland qualified research and  
9 development expenses paid or incurred by the individual or corporation during the  
10 taxable year exceed the Maryland base amount for the individual or corporation.

11 (c) (1) By September 15 of the calendar year following the end of the  
12 taxable year in which the Maryland qualified research and development expenses  
13 were incurred, an individual or corporation shall submit an application to the  
14 Department for the credits allowed under subsection (b)(1) and (2) of this section.

15 (2) (i) Except as provided under paragraph (4) of this subsection,  
16 the total amount of credits approved by the Department under subsection (b)(1) of this  
17 section may not exceed [~~\$4,000,000~~] **\$5,000,000** for any calendar year.

18 (ii) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, if the total  
19 amount of credits applied for by all individuals and corporations under subsection  
20 (b)(1) of this section exceeds the maximum specified under subparagraph (i) of this  
21 paragraph, the Department shall approve a credit under subsection (b)(1) of this  
22 section for each applicant in an amount equal to the product of multiplying the credit  
23 applied for by the applicant times a fraction:

24 1. the numerator of which is the maximum specified  
25 under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph; and

26 2. the denominator of which is the total of all credits  
27 applied for by all applicants under subsection (b)(1) of this section in the calendar  
28 year.

29 (3) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the  
30 total amount of credits approved by the Department under subsection (b)(2) of this  
31 section may not exceed [~~\$4,000,000~~] **\$5,000,000** for any calendar year.

32 (ii) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, if the total  
33 amount of credits applied for by all individuals and corporations under subsection  
34 (b)(2) of this section exceeds the maximum specified under subparagraph (i) of this  
35 paragraph, the Department shall approve a credit under subsection (b)(2) of this

1 section for each applicant in an amount equal to the product of multiplying the credit  
2 applied for by the applicant times a fraction:

3 1. the numerator of which is the maximum specified  
4 under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph; and

5 2. the denominator of which is the total of all credits  
6 applied for by all applicants under subsection (b)(2) of this section in the calendar  
7 year.

8 (4) (i) For any calendar year, if the maximum specified under  
9 paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection exceeds the total amount of credits applied for by all  
10 individuals and corporations under subsection (b)(1) of this section, the maximum  
11 specified under paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection shall be increased for that calendar  
12 year by an amount equal to the amount by which the maximum specified under  
13 paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection exceeds the total amount of credits applied for by all  
14 individuals and corporations under subsection (b)(1) of this section.

15 (ii) For any calendar year, if the maximum specified under  
16 paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection exceeds the total amount of credits applied for by all  
17 individuals and corporations under subsection (b)(2) of this section, the maximum  
18 specified under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection shall be increased for that calendar  
19 year by an amount equal to the amount by which the maximum specified under  
20 paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection exceeds the total amount of credits applied for by all  
21 individuals and corporations under subsection (b)(2) of this section.

22 (5) By December 15 of the calendar year following the end of the  
23 taxable year in which the Maryland qualified research and development expenses  
24 were incurred, the Department shall certify to the individual or corporation the  
25 amount of the research and development tax credits approved by the Department for  
26 the individual or corporation under subsection (b)(1) and (2) of this section.

27 (6) To claim the approved credits allowed under this section, an  
28 individual or corporation shall:

29 (i) file an amended income tax return for the taxable year in  
30 which the Maryland qualified research and development expense was incurred; and

31 (ii) attach a copy of the Department's certification of the  
32 approved credit amount to the amended income tax return.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 June 1, 2014, and shall be applicable to all Maryland research and development tax  
35 credits certified after December 15, 2013.