

SENATE BILL 184

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax – Personal Exemptions – Alteration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the determination of the number of exemptions that an
4 individual may use to calculate a certain deduction under the Maryland income tax;
5 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a deduction for
6 certain exemptions under the Maryland income tax.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Tax – General
9 Section 10–211
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Tax – General**

15 10–211.

16 (a) **SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY**
17 **DEDUCT AN EXEMPTION FOR:**

18 **(1) THE TAXPAYER;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE SPOUSE OF THE TAXPAYER IF:**

2 **(I) A JOINT RETURN IS NOT MADE BY THE TAXPAYER AND THE**
3 **SPOUSE; AND**

4 **(II) THE SPOUSE, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE**
5 **TAXABLE YEAR OF THE TAXPAYER BEGINS, HAS NO GROSS INCOME AND IS NOT A**
6 **DEPENDENT OF ANOTHER TAXPAYER; AND**

7 **(3) EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A DEPENDENT, AS DEFINED IN § 152 OF**
8 **THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OF THE TAXPAYER FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR.**

9 **(B)** Except as provided in subsection **[(b)] (C)** of this section, whether or not a
10 federal return is filed, to determine Maryland taxable income, an individual other than a
11 fiduciary may deduct as an exemption:

12 (1) \$3,200 for each exemption that the individual may deduct **[in the**
13 **taxable year to determine federal taxable income under § 151 of the Internal Revenue Code]**
14 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION;**

15 (2) an additional \$3,200 for each dependent, as defined in § 152 of the
16 Internal Revenue Code, who is at least 65 years old on the last day of the taxable year;

17 (3) an additional \$1,000 if the individual, on the last day of the taxable
18 year, is at least 65 years old; and

19 (4) an additional \$1,000 if the individual, on the last day of the taxable
20 year, is a blind individual, as described in § 10–208(c) of this subtitle.

21 **[(b)] (C)** (1) If an individual other than one described in paragraph (2) of this
22 subsection has federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year greater than \$100,000,
23 the amount allowed for each exemption under subsection **[(a)(1) or (2)] (B)(1) OR (2)** of
24 this section is limited to:

25 (i) \$1,600 if federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year does
26 not exceed \$125,000;

27 (ii) \$800 if federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is
28 greater than \$125,000 but not greater than \$150,000; and

29 (iii) \$0 if federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is greater
30 than \$150,000.

31 (2) If a married couple filing a joint return or an individual described in §
32 2 of the Internal Revenue Code as a head of household or as a surviving spouse has federal
33 adjusted gross income for the taxable year greater than \$150,000, the amount allowed for

- 1 each exemption under subsection [(a)(1) or (2)] **(B)(1) OR (2)** of this section is limited to:
- 2 (i) \$1,600 if federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year does
3 not exceed \$175,000;
- 4 (ii) \$800 if federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is
5 greater than \$175,000 but not greater than \$200,000; and
- 6 (iii) \$0 if federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is greater
7 than \$200,000.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2018, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.