

Chapter 573

(Senate Bill 996)

AN ACT concerning

**Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – ~~Military Retirement Income –~~  
~~Individuals at Least 65 Years Old Retirement Income~~  
(Hometown Heroes and Veterans Act of 2018)**

FOR the purpose of altering a subtraction modification under the State income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least a certain age; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under certain circumstances for a certain amount of retirement income attributable to certain employment as a correctional officer; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State income tax on certain retirement income.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 10–207(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 10–207(q) and 10–209  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

**Article – Tax – General**

10–207.

(a) To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amounts under this section are subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income of a resident to determine Maryland adjusted gross income.

(q) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings indicated.

(ii) “Military retirement income” means retirement income received as a result of military service.

(iii) “Military service” means:

1. induction into the armed forces of the United States for training and service under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 or a subsequent act of a similar nature;
2. membership in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States;
3. membership in an active component of the armed forces of the United States;
4. membership in the Maryland National Guard; or
5. active duty with the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

(2) The subtraction under subsection (a) of this section includes:

(i) if, on the last day of the taxable year, the individual is under the age of ~~65~~ **55** years, the first \$5,000 of military retirement income received by an individual during the taxable year; and

(ii) if, on the last day of the taxable year, the individual is at least ~~65~~ **55** years old, the first ~~[\$10,000]~~ **\$15,000** of military retirement income received by an individual during the taxable year.

10-209.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

**(2) “CORRECTIONAL OFFICER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

**(I) WAS EMPLOYED IN:**

**1. A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE;**

**2. A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE;**

**3. A JUVENILE ~~DETENTION~~ FACILITY ~~IN THE STATE~~ INCLUDED IN § 9-226 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE; OR**

4. A FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY IN THE STATE INCLUDED IN § 9-226 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE; AND

(II) IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

[(2)] (3) "Emergency services personnel" means emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

[(3)] (4) (i) "Employee retirement system" means a plan:

1. established and maintained by an employer for the benefit of its employees; and
2. qualified under § 401(a), § 403, or § 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(ii) "Employee retirement system" does not include:

1. an individual retirement account or annuity under § 408 of the Internal Revenue Code;
2. a Roth individual retirement account under § 408A of the Internal Revenue Code;
3. a rollover individual retirement account;
4. a simplified employee pension under Internal Revenue Code § 408(k); or
5. an ineligible deferred compensation plan under § 457(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Subject to subsections (d) and (e) of this section, to determine Maryland adjusted gross income, if, on the last day of the taxable year, a resident is at least 65 years old or is totally disabled or the resident's spouse is totally disabled, or the resident is at least 55 years old and is a retired CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, ~~OR~~ law enforcement officer, or fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel of the United States, the State, or a political subdivision of the State, an amount is subtracted from federal adjusted gross income equal to the lesser of:

(1) the cumulative or total annuity, pension, or endowment income from an employee retirement system included in federal adjusted gross income; or

(2) the maximum annual benefit under the Social Security Act computed under subsection (c) of this section, less any payment received as old age, survivors, or disability benefits under the Social Security Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, or both.

(c) For purposes of subsection (b)(2) of this section, the Comptroller:

(1) shall determine the maximum annual benefit under the Social Security Act allowed for an individual who retired at age 65 for the prior calendar year; and

(2) may allow the subtraction to the nearest \$100.

(d) Military retirement income that is included in the subtraction under § 10-207(q) of this subtitle may not be taken into account for purposes of the subtraction under this section.

(e) In the case of a retired **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER**, ~~OR~~ law enforcement officer, or fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel of the United States, the State, or a political subdivision of the State, the amount included under subsection (b)(1) of this section is limited to the first \$15,000 of retirement income that is attributable to the resident's employment as a **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER**, **A** law enforcement officer, or fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel of the United States, the State, or a political subdivision of the State unless:

(1) the resident is at least 65 years old or is totally disabled; or

(2) the resident's spouse is totally disabled.

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.**