SENATE BILL 623

By: Senators Corderman, Bailey, Carozza, Edwards, Elfreth, Hershey, Klausmeier, McCray, Ready, Salling, Simonaire, and Young

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Income of Health Care Workers

FOR the purpose of allowing, for certain taxable years, a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain income earned by certain health care workers; and generally relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for health care workers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Tax – General
Section 10–207(mm)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(MM) (1) In this subsection, “Healthcare worker” means a healthcare practitioner who:

   (i) is licensed or certified under the Health Occupations Article or the laws of another state; and

   (ii) provides:

   1. primary care, including obstetrics, gynecological services, pediatric services, or geriatric services;

   2. behavioral health services, including mental health or alcohol and substance abuse services; or

   3. dental services.

(2) For a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2020, but before January 1, 2023, the subtraction under subsection (a) of this section includes the first $25,000 of income attributable to an individual’s work as a healthcare worker during the taxable year.

(3) To qualify for the subtraction under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a healthcare worker shall file with the healthcare worker’s income tax return a copy of the healthcare worker’s license or certification.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.