

# SENATE BILL 660

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax – Caregiver Tax Credit**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing certain caregivers a credit against the State income tax for  
4 certain qualifying expenses paid or incurred during a taxable year to provide care or  
5 support to certain qualifying family members; and generally relating to an income  
6 tax credit for caregivers.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Tax – General

9 Section 10–754

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 **10–754.**

16 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
17 **INDICATED.**

18 **(2) “CAREGIVER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES CARE OR**  
19 **SUPPORT TO A QUALIFIED FAMILY MEMBER.**

20 **(3) “LICENSED PHYSICIAN” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–101**  
21 **OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





1 C. BY THE STATE; OR

2 D. BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

3 (6) "QUALIFIED FAMILY MEMBER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

4 (I) IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD ON THE LAST DAY OF THE  
5 TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE QUALIFIED EXPENSES WERE PAID OR INCURRED BY  
6 THE CAREGIVER;

7 (II) REQUIRES ASSISTANCE WITH ONE OR MORE DAILY LIVING  
8 ACTIVITIES, AS CERTIFIED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, OR  
9 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER; AND

10 (III) IS AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF THE CAREGIVER.

11 (7) "REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER" HAS THE MEANING STATED  
12 IN § 8-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

13 (B) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, A CAREGIVER MAY  
14 CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME TAX IN THE AMOUNT DETERMINED  
15 UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION FOR QUALIFIED EXPENSES PAID OR  
16 INCURRED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR IF THE CAREGIVER'S FEDERAL ADJUSTED  
17 GROSS INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED:

18 (1) \$75,000 IF THE CAREGIVER IS FILING AN INDIVIDUAL TAX  
19 RETURN; OR

20 (2) \$150,000 IF THE CAREGIVER IS FILING A JOINT TAX RETURN.

21 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE AMOUNT  
22 OF THE TAX CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS EQUAL  
23 TO 30% OF THE QUALIFIED EXPENSES PAID OR INCURRED DURING THE TAXABLE  
24 YEAR THAT EXCEED \$2,000.

25 (2) FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT MAY  
26 NOT EXCEED THE LESSER OF:

27 (I) \$5,000; OR

28 (II) THE STATE INCOME TAX IMPOSED FOR THAT TAXABLE  
29 YEAR.

1                   **(3) THE UNUSED AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT MAY NOT BE CARRIED**  
2 **OVER TO ANY OTHER TAXABLE YEAR.**

3                   **(D) THE COMPTROLLER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**  
4 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2022, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.