

# SENATE BILL 141

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By: Senators Elfreth ~~and Zucker~~, Zucker, Guzzone, Bailey, Benson, Corderman,  
Hettleman, Jackson, Jennings, King, McCray, Rosapepe, and Salling

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Adoption Expenses – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering eligibility for and the amount of a subtraction modification  
4 under the Maryland income tax for a taxpayer who adopts a child; and generally  
5 relating to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the  
6 adoption of a child.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Tax – General

9 Section 10–208(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Tax – General

14 Section 10–208(b)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2022 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Tax – General**

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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 10–208.

2 (a) In addition to the modification under § 10–207 of this subtitle, the amounts  
3 under this section are subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income of a resident to  
4 determine Maryland adjusted gross income.

5 (b) The subtraction under subsection (a) of this section includes **AN AMOUNT**  
6 **EQUAL TO:**

7 (1) [if the child is a State resident at the time of adoption, reasonable and  
8 necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, and other expenses not exceeding:

9 (i) \$6,000 that a parent incurs in the adoption of] **\$12,000, IF**  
10 **DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR THE TAXPAYER ADOPTS** a child who the State determines  
11 is a child with a special need, as described in § 473(c)(1) and (2) of the Social Security Act,  
12 [if] **AND** the adoption is made through a private, nonprofit, licensed adoption agency or a  
13 public child welfare agency; and

14 (2) [(ii) \$5,000 that a parent incurs in the adoption of] **\$10,000, IF**  
15 **DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR THE TAXPAYER ADOPTS** a child without a special need as  
16 provided under item [(i)] (1) of this [item; and

17 (2) if the child is not a State resident at the time of adoption, reasonable  
18 and necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, and other expenses not exceeding:

19 (i) \$3,000 that a parent incurs in the adoption of a child who the  
20 State determines is a child with a special need, as described in § 473(c)(1) and (2) of the  
21 Social Security Act, if the adoption is made through a private, nonprofit, licensed adoption  
22 agency, or a public child welfare agency; and

23 (ii) \$2,000 that a parent incurs in the adoption of a child without a  
24 special need as provided under item (i) of this item] **SUBSECTION.**

25 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2023, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.