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Senate Bill 748

(Senator Corderman, et al.)

Budget and Taxation

Income Tax - Alteration of Brackets and Rates (Economic Prosperity Act of 2024)

This bill alters the individual income tax rates and brackets under the State income tax. Under the bill, the first \$14,999 of Maryland taxable income (\$29,999 for joint filers, surviving spouses, and heads of household) is not subject to tax. The bill takes effect July 1, 2024, and applies to tax year 2024 and beyond.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues decrease by an estimated \$4.8 billion in FY 2025, reflecting the effect of one and one-half tax years. Future years reflect annualization and projected income growth. The Comptroller's Office can implement the bill's changes with existing budgeted resources.

(\$ in millions)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
GF Revenue	(\$4,781.0)	(\$3,334.4)	(\$3,467.8)	(\$3,609.6)	(\$3,757.7)
Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$4,781.0)	(\$3,334.4)	(\$3,467.8)	(\$3,609.6)	(\$3,757.7)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law/ Bill Summary: Exhibit 1 shows Maryland's individual income tax rates and income brackets under current law and under the bill.

Exhibit 1 Maryland Individual Income Tax Rates Current Law vs. the Bill

Under Current Law

Single, Dependent, Married Filing Separately		Joint, Surviving Spouse, Head of Household	
Rate	Maryland Taxable Income	Rate	Maryland Taxable Income
2.00%	\$1-\$1,000	2.00%	\$1-\$1,000
3.00%	\$1,001-\$2,000	3.00%	\$1,001-\$2,000
4.00%	\$2,001-\$3,000	4.00%	\$2,001-\$3,000
4.75%	\$3,001-\$100,000	4.75%	\$3,001-\$150,000
5.00%	\$100,001-\$125,000	5.00%	\$150,001-\$175,000
5.25%	\$125,001-\$150,000	5.25%	\$175,001-\$225,000
5.50%	\$150,001-\$250,000	5.50%	\$225,001-\$300,000
5.75%	Excess of \$250,000	5.75%	Excess of \$300,000

Under the Bill

Single, Dependent, Married Filing Separately		Joint, Surviving Spouse, Head of Household	
Rate	Maryland Taxable Income	Rate	Maryland Taxable Income
0.00%	\$1-\$14,999	0.00%	\$1-\$29,999
4.00%	\$15,000-\$75,000	4.00%	\$30,000-\$90,000
4.50%	\$75,001-\$150,000	4.50%	\$90,001-\$200,000
4.75%	\$150,001-\$200,000	4.75%	\$200,001-\$250,000
5.00%	\$200,001-\$300,000	5.00%	\$250,001-\$350,000
5.50%	\$300,001-\$350,000	5.50%	\$350,001-\$400,000
5.75%	Excess of \$350,000	5.75%	Excess of \$400,000

Source: Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

State Revenues: State revenues decrease by an estimated \$4.8 billion in fiscal 2025, which reflects the effect of approximately one and one-half tax years. Future years reflect annualization and projected income growth. By fiscal 2029, general fund revenues decrease by an estimated \$3.8 billion.

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Small Business Effect: Small business partnerships, S corporations, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships likely realize decreased income tax liabilities under the bill.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 803 (Delegate Buckel, et al.) - Ways and Means.

Information Source(s): Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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