

SENATE BILL 655

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Qualified Maryland Toll Expenses**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for
4 certain amounts paid in a certain manner by taxpayers for certain toll expenses;
5 requiring a taxpayer to submit certain documentation to qualify for the subtraction
6 modification; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and
7 generally relating to a Maryland income tax subtraction modification for certain
8 amounts paid in a certain manner for certain tolls.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Tax – General
11 Section 10–208(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Tax – General
16 Section 10–208(v)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Tax – General

21
22 10–208.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (v) (1) (i) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
5 MEANINGS INDICATED.

6 (ii) “NONREFUNDABLE TRANSPONDER DEPOSIT” MEANS ANY
7 AMOUNT PAID FOR AN E-ZPASS MARYLAND TRANSPONDER THAT IS NOT MADE
8 AVAILABLE AS A PREPAID TOLL BALANCE.

9 (iii) “QUALIFIED TOLL EXPENSES” MEANS ANY PAYMENT MADE
10 DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR AMOUNTS EXPENDED BY A TAXPAYER FOR TOLLS
11 PAID ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE USE OF THE E-ZPASS MARYLAND PROGRAM
12 AS AUTHORIZED BY THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR
13 NONCOMMERCIAL TRAVEL OR TWO-AXLE COMMERCIAL TRAVEL ON TOLL ROADS,
14 BRIDGES, AND TUNNELS IN THE STATE.

15 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (3) THROUGH (6) OF THIS
16 SUBSECTION, THE SUBTRACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
17 INCLUDES THE QUALIFIED TOLL EXPENSES INCURRED BY A TAXPAYER DURING THE
18 TAXABLE YEAR.

19 (3) THE SUBTRACTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY
20 UNLESS THE AMOUNT OF QUALIFIED TOLL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE TAXPAYER
21 DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR EQUALS OR EXCEEDS \$300.

22 (4) (i) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (ii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE
23 TOTAL AMOUNT OF QUALIFIED TOLL EXPENSES SUBTRACTED FOR A TAXABLE YEAR
24 MAY NOT EXCEED:

25 1. \$1,000 FOR SPOUSES FILING A JOINT RETURN; AND

26 2. \$500 FOR ALL OTHER TAXPAYERS.

27 (ii) THE AMOUNT DISALLOWED AS A SUBTRACTION UNDER THIS
28 SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR AS A RESULT OF THE LIMITATION UNDER THIS
29 PARAGRAPH MAY BE CARRIED OVER UNTIL USED TO THE NEXT 3 SUCCEEDING
30 TAXABLE YEARS AS A SUBTRACTION.

31 (5) THE SUBTRACTION ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT
32 INCLUDE:

1 **(I) ANY AMOUNT FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYER IS ELIGIBLE FOR A**
2 **DEDUCTION UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;**

3 **(II) ANY AMOUNT PAID AS A NONREFUNDABLE TRANSPONDER**
4 **DEPOSIT; OR**

5 **(III) ANY AMOUNT REIMBURSED BY AN EMPLOYER.**

6 **(6) TO QUALIFY FOR THE SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION PROVIDED**
7 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, A TAXPAYER MUST ATTACH TO THE TAXPAYER'S INCOME**
8 **TAX RETURN OR OTHERWISE FILE WITH THE COMPTROLLER PROOF OF THE AMOUNT**
9 **OF TOLL CHARGES PAID BY THE TAXPAYER DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2016, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.