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Senate Bill No. 669

(By Senators Plymale, Craigo, Anderson, Bailey, Bowman, Chafin, Edgell, Helmick, Jackson, Love, Prezioso, Sharpe, Unger, Walker, Boley, Minear and Sprouse)

[Passed March 11, 2000; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section twelve, article twentyone, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to setting
forth a formula to exempt military retirement from the
personal income tax; providing that the formula applies to up
to thirty thousand dollars of military retirement income;
setting forth effective date and applicable time periods;
setting forth the types of military income which may be
exempted; and making technical corrections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twelve, article twenty-one, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21. PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

§11-21-12. West Virginia adjusted gross income of resident individual.

- 1 (a) *General.* The West Virginia adjusted gross income
- 2 of a resident individual means his federal adjusted gross
- 3 income as defined in the laws of the United States for the
- 4 taxable year with the modifications specified in this
- 5 section.
- 6 (b) Modifications increasing federal adjusted gross
- 7 *income.* There shall be added to federal adjusted gross
- 8 income unless already included therein the following
- 9 items:
- 10 (1) Interest income on obligations of any state other than
- 11 this state or of a political subdivision of any other state
- 12 unless created by compact or agreement to which this state
- 13 is a party;
- 14 (2) Interest or dividend income on obligations or securi-
- 15 ties of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the
- 16 United States, which the laws of the United States exempt
- 17 from federal income tax but not from state income taxes;
- 18 (3) Any deduction allowed when determining federal
- 19 adjusted gross income for federal income tax purposes for
- 20 the taxable year that is not allowed as a deduction under
- 21 this article for the taxable year:
- 22 (4) Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to
- 23 purchase or carry obligations or securities the income from
- 24 which is exempt from tax under this article, to the extent
- 25 deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income;
- 26 (5) Interest on a depository institution tax-exempt
- 27 savings certificate which is allowed as an exclusion from
- 28 federal gross income under Section 128 of the Internal
- 29 Revenue Code, for the federal taxable year;

- 30 (6) The amount of a lump sum distribution for which the taxpayer has elected under Section 402(e) of the Internal
- 32 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to be separately taxed
- 33 for federal income tax purposes; and
- 34 (7) Amounts withdrawn from a medical savings account
- 35 established by or for an individual under section twenty,
- 36 article fifteen or section fifteen, article sixteen, both of
- 37 chapter thirty-three of this code, that are used for a
- 38 purpose other than payment of medical expenses, as
- 39 defined in those sections.
- 40 (c) Modifications reducing federal adjusted gross income.
- 41 There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross
- 42 income to the extent included therein:
- 43 (1) Interest income on obligations of the United States
- 44 and its possessions to the extent includable in gross
- 45 income for federal income tax purposes;
- 46 (2) Interest or dividend income on obligations or securi-
- 47 ties of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the
- 48 United States or of the state of West Virginia to the extent
- 49 includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes
- 50 but exempt from state income taxes under the laws of the
- 51 United States or of the state of West Virginia, including
- 52 federal interest or dividends paid to shareholders of a
- 53 regulated investment company, under Section 852 of the
- 54 Internal Revenue Code for taxable years ending after the
- 55 thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred eighty-
- 56 seven;
- 57 (3) Any amount included in federal adjusted gross
- 58 income for federal income tax purposes for the taxable
- 59 year that is not included in federal adjusted gross income
- 60 under this article for the taxable year;
- 61 (4) The amount of any refund or credit for overpayment
- 62 of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other taxing

63 jurisdiction, to the extent properly included in gross 64 income for federal income tax purposes;

- 65 (5) Annuities, retirement allowances, returns of contributions and any other benefit received under the West 66 Virginia public employees retirement system, the West 67 Virginia state teachers retirement system and all forms of 68 military retirement, including regular armed forces, 69 reserves and national guard, including any survivorship 70 annuities derived therefrom, to the extent includable in 71 gross income for federal income tax purposes: Provided, 72 73 That notwithstanding any provisions in this code to the contrary this modification shall be limited to the first two 74 thousand dollars of benefits received under the West 75 76 Virginia public employees retirement system, the West Virginia state teachers retirement system and, including 77 any survivorship annuities derived therefrom, to the extent 78 79 includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes for taxable years beginning after the thirty-first day of 80 December, one thousand nine hundred eighty-six; and the 81 first two thousand dollars of benefits received under any 82 83 federal retirement system to which Title 4 U.S.C. § 111 applies: Provided, however, That the total modification 84 85 under this paragraph shall not exceed two thousand 86 dollars per person receiving retirement benefits and this limitation shall apply to all returns or amended returns 87 filed after the last day of December, one thousand nine 88 89 hundred eighty-eight;
- 90 (6) Retirement income received in the form of pensions and annuities after the thirty-first day of December, one 91 thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, under any West 92 93 Virginia police, West Virginia firemen's retirement system or the West Virginia state police death, disability and 94 retirement fund, the West Virginia state police retirement 95 system, or the West Virginia deputy sheriff retirement 96 97 system, including any survivorship annuities derived any

98 of these programs, to the extent includable in gross income 99 for federal income tax purposes;

- 100 (7) An amount equal to two percent multiplied by the number of years of active duty in the armed forces of the 101 United States of America with the product thereof multi-102 103 plied by the first thirty thousand dollars of military 104 retirement income including retirement income from the regular armed forces, reserves and national guard paid by 105 106 the United States or by this state after the thirty-first day 107 of December, two thousand including any survivorship annuities, to the extent included in gross income for 108 109 federal income tax purposes for the taxable year: Provided, That in the event that any of the provisions of this 110 111 subdivision are found by a court of competent jurisdiction 112 to violate either the constitution of this state or of the United States, or is held to be extended to persons other 113 114 than specified in this subdivision, this subdivision shall 115 become null and void by operation of law.
- (8) Federal adjusted gross income in the amount of eight 116 thousand dollars received from any source after the thirty-117 first day of December, one thousand nine hundred eighty-118 119 six, by any person who has attained the age of sixty-five on or before the last day of the taxable year, or by any 120 person certified by proper authority as permanently and 121 122 totally disabled, regardless of age, on or before the last day 123 of the taxable year, to the extent includable in federal 124 adjusted gross income for federal tax purposes: Provided, 125 That if a person has a medical certification from a prior 126 year and he is still permanently and totally disabled, a 127 copy of the original certificate is acceptable as proof of disability. A copy of the form filed for the federal disabil-128 ity income tax exclusion is acceptable: *Provided*, *however*, 129 130 That:
- (i) Where the total modification under subdivisions (1), 132 (2), (5), (6) and (7) of this subsection is eight thousand

- dollars per person or more, no deduction shall be allowed under this subdivision; and
- (ii) Where the total modification under subdivisions (1),
- 136 (2), (5), (6) and (7) of this subsection is less than eight
- 137 thousand dollars per person, the total modification
- 138 allowed under this subdivision for all gross income
- 139 received by that person shall be limited to the difference
- 140 between eight thousand dollars and the sum of modifica-
- 141 tions under subdivisions (1), (2), (5), (6) and (7) of this
- 142 subsection;
- 143 (9) Federal adjusted gross income in the amount of eight
- thousand dollars received from any source after the thirty-
- 145 first day of December, one thousand nine hundred eighty-
- 146 six, by the surviving spouse of any person who had at-
- 147 tained the age of sixty-five or who had been certified as
- 148 permanently and totally disabled, to the extent includable
- in federal adjusted gross income for federal tax purposes:
- 150 Provided, That:
- (i) Where the total modification under subdivisions (1),
- 152 (2), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection is eight thousand
- dollars or more, no deduction shall be allowed under this
- 154 subdivision; and
- (ii) Where the total modification under subdivisions (1),
- 156 (2), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection is less than eight
- 157 thousand dollars per person, the total modification
- 158 allowed under this subdivision for all gross income
- 159 received by that person shall be limited to the difference
- 160 between eight thousand dollars and the sum of subdivi-
- 161 sions (1), (2), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection;
- 162 (10) Contributions from any source to a medical savings
- account established by or for the individual pursuant to
- 164 section twenty, article fifteen or section fifteen, article
- 165 sixteen, chapter thirty-three of this code, plus interest
- 166 earned on the account, to the extent includable in federal

- 167 adjusted gross income for federal tax purposes: Provided,
- 168 That the amount subtracted pursuant to this subdivision
- 169 for any one taxable year may not exceed two thousand
- 170 dollars plus interest earned on the account. For married
- individuals filing a joint return, the maximum deduction
- 172 is computed separately for each individual; and
- 173 (11) Any other income which this state is prohibited
- 174 from taxing under the laws of the United States.
- 175 (d) Modification for West Virginia fiduciary adjustment.—
- 176 There shall be added to or subtracted from federal ad-
- 177 justed gross income, as the case may be, the taxpayer's
- 178 share, as beneficiary of an estate or trust, of the West
- 179 Virginia fiduciary adjustment determined under section
- 180 nineteen of this article.
- 181 (e) Partners and S corporation shareholders. The
- amounts of modifications required to be made under this
- 183 section by a partner or an S corporation shareholder,
- 184 which relate to items of income, gain, loss or deduction of
- 185 a partnership or an S corporation, shall be determined
- 186 under section seventeen of this article.
- 187 (f) *Husband and wife.* If husband and wife determine
- 188 their federal income tax on a joint return but determine
- 189 their West Virginia income taxes separately, they shall
- 190 determine their West Virginia adjusted gross incomes
- 191 separately as if their federal adjusted gross incomes had
- 192 been determined separately.
- 193 (g) Effective date. Changes in the language of this
- 194 section enacted in the year two thousand shall apply to
- 195 taxable years beginning after the thirty-first day of
- 196 December, two thousand.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the
foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.
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