

SENATE BILL 680

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit – Investment in Qualified Companies in**
3 **Low-Income Areas**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the credit allowed against the State income tax
5 for certain investments in certain qualified Maryland biotechnology companies
6 located in certain counties; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
7 relating to a credit against the State income tax for certain investments in certain
8 biotechnology companies.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Tax – General
11 Section 10–725(b)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Tax – General
16 Section 10–725(d)(1)
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:

21 **Article – Tax – General**

22 10–725.

23 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection and subsections (d)
24 and (e) of this section, for the taxable year in which an investment in a qualified Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 biotechnology company is made, a qualified investor may claim a credit against the State
2 income tax in an amount equal to the amount of tax credit stated in the final credit
3 certificate approved by the Secretary for the investment as provided under this section.

4 (d) (1) The tax credit allowed in an initial tax credit certificate issued under
5 this section is:

6 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, 50%
7 of the investment in a qualified Maryland biotechnology company, not to exceed \$250,000;
8 OR

9 (II) IF A QUALIFIED MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY IS
10 LOCATED IN ALLEGANY, DORCHESTER, GARRETT, OR SOMERSET COUNTIES OR
11 BALTIMORE CITY, 75% OF THE INVESTMENT IN THE QUALIFIED MARYLAND
12 BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY, NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
14 1, 2016, and shall be applicable to all initial tax credit certificates issued after June 30,
15 2016.