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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Expenses of Medical Cannabis Grower,**
3 **Processor, Dispensary, or Independent Testing Laboratory**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for
5 certain expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on a trade or
6 business as a certain medical cannabis grower, processor, dispensary, or
7 independent testing laboratory; providing for the application of this Act; and
8 generally relating to an income tax subtraction modification for certain expenses of
9 medical cannabis growers, processors, dispensaries, or independent testing
10 laboratories.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Tax – General
13 Section 10–208(a) and 10–308(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Tax – General
18 Section 10–208(y)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article – Tax – General
23 Section 10–308(b)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Tax – General

2 10–208.

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

6 **(Y) (1) THE SUBTRACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
7 **INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF ORDINARY AND NECESSARY EXPENSES PAID OR**
8 **INCURRED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR IN CARRYING ON A TRADE OR A BUSINESS AS**
9 **A MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER, PROCESSOR, OR DISPENSARY LICENSED UNDER**
10 **TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 33 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE OR AN INDEPENDENT**
11 **TESTING LABORATORY REGISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13–3311 OF THE**
12 **HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE IF THE DEDUCTION FOR ORDINARY AND NECESSARY**
13 **EXPENSES IS DISALLOWED UNDER § 280E OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.**

14 **(2) THE SUBTRACTION ALLOWED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
15 **SUBSECTION INCLUDES A REASONABLE ALLOWANCE FOR SALARIES OR OTHER**
16 **COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES ACTUALLY RENDERED DURING THE**
17 **TAXABLE YEAR.**

18 10–308.

19 (a) In addition to the modification under § 10–307 of this subtitle, the amounts
20 under this section are subtracted from the federal taxable income of a corporation to
21 determine Maryland modified income.

22 (b) The subtraction under subsection (a) of this section includes the amounts
23 allowed to be subtracted for an individual under:

24 (1) § 10–208(d) of this title (Enhanced agricultural management
25 equipment expenses);

26 (2) § 10–208(i) of this title (Reforestation or timber stand expenses);

27 (3) § 10–208(k) of this title (Wage expenses for targeted jobs); [and]

28 (4) § 10–208(p) of this title (Elevator handrails in health care facilities);

29 **AND**

30 **(5) § 10–208(Y) OF THIS TITLE (TRADE OR BUSINESS EXPENSES OF**
31 **MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER, PROCESSOR, DISPENSARY, OR INDEPENDENT**
32 **TESTING LABORATORY).**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2019, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.