

be made as of the close of his taxable year, provided that if his spouse dies during his taxable year such determination shall be made as of the time of such death and, provided further, that a taxpayer legally separated from his spouse under a decree of divorce or of separate maintenance shall not be considered as married.

Beginning with the taxable year 1944 and thereafter, the amounts allowable under (a), (b), (f) and (g) hereof shall be prorated to the date of death in the final return of a decedent and as of the date of death the personal exemption and dependent credit are terminated and not extended over the remainder of the taxable year.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That sub-section (e) of Section 285 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Income Tax", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, , AND THAT SECTIONS 285 (D-1) AND 285 (D-2) BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY ADDED TO SAID ARTICLE AND SUB-TITLE, SAID NEW SECTIONS TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 285 (D) THEREOF, to read as follows:

285.

(D-1) IN LIEU OF THE REGULAR METHOD OF COMPUTATION PROVIDED BY THIS SUB-TITLE, AND THE PAYMENT OF THE TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 283 (C) OF THIS SUB-TITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL REPORTING ON A CASH BASIS FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR, BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1954, MAY ELECT TO PAY THE TAX AS SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE, IF HIS GROSS INCOME FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR IS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) OR LESS, AND CONSISTS ONLY OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) SALARY; (2) WAGES; (3) COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES; OR (4) DIVIDENDS, INTEREST AND ANNUITIES NOT IN EXCESS OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) IN THE AGGREGATE.

(D-2)

SCHEDULE

GROSS INCOME		OPTIONAL 2% TAX FOR EXEMPTION STATUS OF	
FROM	TO	\$800.00	\$1,600.00
\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	.00	.00
1,000.01	1,200.00	4.00	.00
1,200.01	1,400.00	7.00	.00
1,400.01	1,600.00	11.00	.00
1,600.01	1,800.00	15.00	.00
1,800.01	2,000.00	18.00	2.00
2,000.01	2,200.00	22.00	6.00
2,200.01	2,400.00	25.00	9.00
2,400.01	2,600.00	29.00	13.00
2,600.01	2,800.00	33.00	17.00
2,800.01	3,000.00	36.00	20.00
3,000.01	3,200.00	40.00	24.00
3,200.01	3,400.00	43.00	27.00
3,400.01	3,600.00	47.00	31.00