

United States, except income, excess profits, *federal excise taxes*, inheritance, estate, succession or gift taxes.

282. Optional Standard Deduction for Individuals.

For all calendar years beginning after December 31, 1950, and for all fiscal years ending after said date, an individual, excluding, however, fiduciaries to the extent included under subsection (e) and defined under subsection (f) of Section 279 of this subtitle, shall be allowed a standard deduction, which shall be allowed only if the individual elects to claim it **[.]** *and the filing of a return by use of the optional standard deduction herein provided shall constitute such election and said return and method of filing shall be final and irrevocable for the particular taxable year.* Where the individual elects to claim the optional standard deduction here provided, such deduction shall be in lieu of all non-business ground rents and interest paid or incurred, taxes, casualty losses, including theft, nonbusiness contributions, medical expenses, alimony and losses to the extent provided in Section 281 (e) of this subtitle. The standard deduction herein provided for shall not be in lieu of the deductions provided in Section 281 of this subtitle, to the extent paid or incurred in carrying on a trade or business, including traveling expenses deductible in subsection **[(r)]** (s) of Section 281 and expenses, including losses paid or incurred in the acquisition of or care of income-producing property to the extent under subsections (e) and (m) of Section 281. The standard deduction provided for by this section shall be in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the gross income of the taxpayer as computed in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle but in no event shall the standard deduction exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). In the case of husband and wife filing a joint return, said return, for the purposes of this section, shall be considered the return of two taxpayers; however, the standard deduction provided for in this section shall not be allowed to either if the net income of one of the spouses is determined without regard to such standard deduction or without regard to Section 289 hereof, anything to the contrary in said Section 289 notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959, but shall be applicable for the full calendar year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Nine (1959) or a fiscal year to the extent ending in said calendar year and for each calendar or fiscal year thereafter.

Approved April 8, 1959.

CHAPTER 483

(House Bill 604)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 41 of Article 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.