

CHAPTER 323

(House Bill 298)

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax - Optional Computation Method

FOR the purpose of increasing, for certain calendar years, the maximum gross income level at which a taxpayer may elect to use tax tables to determine tax liability; and providing for preparation of the tables.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes
 Section 289(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1975 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

289.

(a) In lieu of the regular method of computation provided by this subtitle, and the payment of the tax imposed by § 288(a) of this subtitle, an individual reporting on a cash basis for [the] A calendar year beginning after [December 31, 1966] DECEMBER 31, 1978, and whose gross income for such year is [\$10,000] \$20,000 or less, may elect to pay the tax shown in tables which the Comptroller shall prepare, imposing a tax corresponding to the taxpayer's gross income. Such tables shall divide the range of gross incomes from \$0 to [\$10,000] \$20,000 into intervals not to exceed \$100, and impose on all gross incomes within any one such interval the same amount of tax, equal to the whole number of dollars nearest to the tax liability of a taxpayer whose gross income is the midpoint of such interval, taking account of the standard deduction provided by § 282 hereof and the personal exemptions provided by § 286 hereof.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979 and shall apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1978.

Approved May 14, 1979.