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CHAPTER 145

(House Bill 85)

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax - Optional Standard Deductions

FOR the purpose of clarifying the income base on which to compute the optional standard deduction for individual taxpayers; and defining a term.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes
Section 282
Annotated Code of Maryland
(~~1975-Replacement-Volume-and-1980-Supplement~~)
(1980 Replacement Volume)

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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

282.

(A) For all calendar years beginning after December 31, 1978, 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 § 279 of this subtitle, shall be allowed a standard deduction, which shall be allowed only if the individual elects to claim it. Where the individual elects to claim the optional standard deduction here provided, such deduction shall be in lieu of all itemized deductions provided for in § 281. The standard deduction herein provided for shall not be in lieu of the deductions permitted under federal law in arriving at adjusted gross income. The standard deduction provided for by this section shall be in an amount equal to 13 percent of the MARYLAND ADJUSTED gross income of the taxpayer [as computed in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle] but in no event shall the standard deduction exceed \$1,500 on an individual return or \$3,000 on a joint return. 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 one taxpayer and the standard deduction provided in this section may not exceed \$3,000. The standard deduction provided for in this section shall not be allowed to either if the net income of one of the