

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Tax - General

13-203.

(a) (1) In this subsection, "taxing official" means:

(i) a unit or official of another state whom the laws of that state charge with the imposition, assessment, or collection of state taxes;

(ii) an employee of the United States Treasury Department; or

(iii) a collector of United States taxes.

(2) The Comptroller or Department may disclose to a taxing official tax information that is contained in any tax report or return, audit of a tax return, or report of a tax investigation and relates to the imposition, assessment, and collection of taxes or to any other matter about taxation generally if:

(i) the Comptroller or Department is satisfied that the tax information is to be used only for tax purposes;

(ii) the taxing official's jurisdiction makes similar information available to the appropriate officials of this State; and

(iii) in the case of another state, its laws provide for adequate confidentiality of Maryland tax returns or other information.

(b) Tax information may be disclosed in accordance with a proper judicial order or a legislative order.

(c) Tax information may be disclosed to:

(1) an employee or officer of the State who, by reason of that employment or office, has the right to the tax information;

(2) another tax collector;

(3) the Maryland Tax Court;

(4) a legal representative of the State, to review the tax information about a taxpayer:

(i) who applies for review under this title;

(ii) who appeals from a determination under this title; or

(iii) against whom an action to recover tax or a penalty is pending or will be initiated under this title;

(5) any license issuing authority of the State required by State law to verify through the Comptroller that an applicant has paid all undisputed taxes and