

[(4)] (5) (i) Except as otherwise provided "net earnings" means an amount equal to the net income of a taxpayer as if computed for the particular savings bank or savings and loan association under the provisions of the subtitle "Income Tax" in this article;

(ii) "Net earnings" does not include:

[1. Any exclusion from gross income any amounts which might otherwise be excluded by § 280A(c)(4) of this article;]

[2.] 1. Any allowance of any dividend or interest paid or credited on savings accounts and investment certificates or other apportionment of profits; or

[3.] 2. Any allowance for reserves.

(c-1) (1) For a taxable year ending on or after January 1, 1984 the tax is $\frac{3}{8}$ percent on the net earnings under this section, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent on the net earnings [taxable] DEFINED under § 128A of this article.

(2) For a taxable year ending on or after January 1, 1985 the tax is $\frac{3}{16}$ percent on the net earnings under this section, and $5\frac{1}{4}$ percent on the net earnings [taxable] DEFINED under § 128A of this article.

(3) For a taxable year ending on or after January 1, 1986, the tax is 7 percent on the net earnings [taxable] DEFINED under § 128A of this article.

(d) [On] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, ON or before the 15th day of the fourth month after the end of its calendar or fiscal year, as the case may be, the bank or association, acting through its president, treasurer, or other proper officer, shall report under oath to the Comptroller of the Treasury its net earnings for that next previous taxable period, and at the same time the SAVINGS bank or association shall pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury the proper amount of tax for that period as computed under this section. BEGINNING WITH JANUARY 1, 1984, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THIS SECTION AND ALL REPORTS AND PAYMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE MADE TO THE DIRECTOR.

(e) From the taxes collected from any SAVINGS bank or association pursuant to the provisions of this section the [Comptroller] DIRECTOR shall first deduct the cost of the administration of this section and credit the same to the general funds of the State. The [Comptroller] DIRECTOR shall then apportion and pay over the remainder of the taxes collected from any SAVINGS bank or association pursuant to the provisions of this section to one or more of the several counties or Baltimore City, as follows: The net remainder of the tax collected from