

subtitle clearly requires that the accounting method and period used on a federal return be used on a Maryland return.

In subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the defined term "person" is substituted for the former word "taxpayer", for clarity.

Also in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the defined term "Maryland taxable income" is substituted for the former word "income", for clarity and consistency.

In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the former phrase "upon the basis of the taxpayer's annual accounting period (fiscal year or calendar year, as the case may be)" and the former word "basis" are deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to the method that the Comptroller "requires" is substituted for the former reference to "such manner, as in the opinion of the Comptroller" reflects income, for clarity.

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former clause "if no such method of accounting has been employed or if the method employed does not clearly reflect the true income of the taxpayer" is deleted as surplusage.

Subsection (b) of this section is revised to state expressly that a person must use a calendar year basis unless the person keeps adequate records.

Defined terms: "Comptroller" § 1-101
 "Maryland taxable income" § 10-101
 "Person" § 1-101

10-503. WHEN INDIVIDUAL DIES.

THE TAXABLE YEAR OF AN INDIVIDUAL TERMINATES ON THE DATE OF DEATH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language substituted for the second sentence of former Art. 81, § 284(b).

This substitution avoids the ambiguity of the former reference to "income amounts accrued up to the date of his death", which could be read to require use of an accrual basis, rather than a cash basis, on the death of an individual.

Defined terms: "Individual" § 10-101
 "Taxable year" § 10-101