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# SECOND ENROLLMENT

House Bill No. 4016

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thompson, and Delegate Armstead)
[By Request of the Executive]

Passed March 16, 2008

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[Amended and again passed March 16, 2008, as a result of the objections of the Governor; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact §11-21-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to updating meaning of federal adjusted gross income and certain other terms used in West Virginia Personal Income Tax Act; and specifying effective dates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That \$11-21-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 21. PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

#### §11-21-9. Meaning of terms.

- 1 (a) Any term used in this article has the same meaning as
- 2 when used in a comparable context in the laws of the United

- States relating to income taxes, unless a different meaning is clearly required. Any reference in this article to the laws of 4 the United States means the provisions of the Internal 5 6 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any other provisions 7 of the laws of the United States that relate to the 8 determination of income for federal income tax purposes. All 9 amendments made to the laws of the United States after the 10 thirty-first day of December, two thousand six, but prior to 11 the fourteenth day of February, two thousand eight, shall be given effect in determining the taxes imposed by this article 12 13 to the same extent those changes are allowed for federal 14 income tax purposes, whether the changes are retroactive or 15 prospective, but no amendment to the laws of the United 16 States made on or after the fourteenth day of February, two 17 thousand eight, shall be given any effect.
- 18 (b) *Medical savings accounts.* -- The term "taxable trust" 19 does not include a medical savings account established 20 pursuant to section twenty, article fifteen, chapter thirty-three of this code or section fifteen, article sixteen of said chapter. 21 22 Employer contributions to a medical savings account 23 established pursuant to said sections are not "wages" for 24 purposes of withholding under section seventy-one of this 25 article.
- 26 (c) Surtax. -- The term "surtax" means the twenty percent 27 additional tax imposed on taxable withdrawals from a 28 medical savings account under section twenty, article fifteen, 29 chapter thirty-three of this code and the twenty percent 30 additional tax imposed on taxable withdrawals from a 31 medical savings account under section fifteen, article sixteen 32 of said chapter which are collected by the Tax Commissioner 33 as tax collected under this article.
- 34 (d) *Effective date.* -- The amendments to this section enacted in the year two thousand eight are retroactive to the

- 36 extent allowable under federal income tax law. With respect
- 37 to taxable years that began prior to the first day of January,
- 38 two thousand nine, the law in effect for each of those years
- 39 shall be fully preserved as to that year, except as provided in
- 40 this section.
- 41 (e) For purposes of the refundable credit allowed to a low
- 42 income senior citizen for property tax paid on his or her
- 43 homestead in this state, the term "laws of the United States"
- 44 as used in subsection (a) of this section means and includes
- 45 the term "low income" as defined in subsection (b), section
- 46 twenty-one of this article and as reflected in the poverty
- 47 guidelines updated periodically in the federal register by the
- 48 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the
- 49 authority of 42 U.S.C. §9902(2).

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled. Chairman Senate Complittee Chairman House Committee Originating in the House. In effect from passage. Clerk of the Senate Clerk of the House of Delegates President of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegates The within \_ day of \_

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