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AN ACT to amend and reenact §11-21-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to updating the meaning of "federal adjusted gross income" and certain other terms in the West Virginia Personal Income Tax Act in order for the definitions to conform with the Internal Revenue Code's definitions.

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
- 3 United States relating to income taxes, unless a different
- 4 meaning is clearly required. Any reference in this article

- 5 to the laws of the United States means the provisions of
- 6 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any
- 7 other provisions of the laws of the United States that
- 8 relate to the determination of income for federal income
- 9 tax purposes. All amendments made to the laws of the
- 10 United States after December 31, 2007, but prior to
- 11 February 18, 2009, shall be given effect in determining the
- 12 taxes imposed by this article to the same extent those
- 13 changes are allowed for federal income tax purposes,
- 14 whether the changes are retroactive or prospective, but no
- 15 amendment to the laws of the United States made on or
- 16 after February 18, 2009, shall be given any effect.
- 17 (b) Medical savings accounts. The term "taxable trust"
- 18 does not include a medical savings account established
- 19 pursuant to section twenty, article fifteen, chapter thirty-
- 20 three of this code or section fifteen, article sixteen of said
- 21 chapter. Employer contributions to a medical savings
- 22 account established pursuant to said sections are not
- 23 "wages" for purposes of withholding under section
- 24 seventy-one of this article.
- 25 (c) Surtax. The term "surtax" means the twenty
- 26 percent additional tax imposed on taxable withdrawals
- 27 from a medical savings account under section twenty,
- 28 article fifteen, chapter thirty-three of this code and the
- 29 twenty percent additional tax imposed on taxable with-
- 30 drawals from a medical savings account under section
- 31 fifteen, article sixteen of said chapter which are collected
- 32 by the Tax Commissioner as tax collected under this
- 33 article.
- 34 (d) Effective date. The amendments to this section
- 35 enacted in the year 2009 are retroactive to the extent
- 36 allowable under federal income tax law. With respect to
- 37 taxable years that began prior to January 1, 2010, the law
- 38 in effect for each of those years shall be fully preserved as
- 39 to that year, except as provided in this section.

- 40 (e) For purposes of the refundable credit allowed to a 41 low income senior citizen for property tax paid on his or 42 her homestead in this state, the term "laws of the United
- 43 States" as used in subsection (a) of this section means and
- 44 includes the term "low income" as defined in subsection
- 45 (b), section twenty-one of this article and as reflected in
- 46 the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the federal
- 47 register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
- 48 Services under the authority of 42 U. S. C. §9902(2).

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The Join Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.  Chairman Senate Committee
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