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House Bill No. 2114

(By Mr. Speaker, (Mr. Armstead) and Delegate Miley) (By Request of the Executive)

Passed February 17, 2015

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(BY MR. SPEAKER. (MR. ARMSTEAD)

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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 used in the 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. WEST VIRGINIA 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
- 3 States relating to income taxes, unless a different meaning is

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- clearly required. Any reference in this article to the laws of the 5 United States means the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any other provisions of the laws of the United States that relate to the determination of income for 8 federal income tax purposes. All amendments made to the laws of the United States after December 31, 2013, but prior to January 1, 2015, shall be given effect in determining the taxes 10 11 imposed by this article to the same extent those changes are 12 allowed for federal income tax purposes, whether the changes 13 are retroactive or prospective, but no amendment to the laws of the United States made on or after January 1, 2015, may be given 14 15 any effect.
- 16 (b) Medical savings accounts. The term "taxable trust"
  17 does not include a medical savings account established pursuant
  18 to section twenty, article fifteen, chapter thirty-three of this code
  19 or section fifteen, article sixteen of that chapter. Employer
  20 contributions to a medical savings account established pursuant
  21 to those sections are not wages for purposes of withholding
  22 under section seventy-one of this article.
  - (c) Surtax. The term "surtax" means the twenty percent additional tax imposed on taxable withdrawals from a medical savings account under section twenty, article fifteen, chapter thirty-three of this code and the twenty percent additional tax imposed on taxable withdrawals from a medical savings account under section fifteen, article sixteen of that chapter which are collected by the Tax Commissioner as tax collected under this article.
- 31 (d) Effective date. The amendments to this section 32 enacted in the year 2015 are retroactive to the extent allowable 33 under federal income tax law. With respect to taxable years that 34 began prior to January 1, 2016, the law in effect for each of those 35 years shall be fully preserved as to that year, except as provided 36 in this section.

37 (e) For purposes of the refundable credit allowed to a low income senior citizen for property tax paid on his or her 38 39 homestead in this state, the term "laws of the United States" as 40 used in subsection (a) of this section means and includes the term "low income" as defined in subsection (b), section twenty-41 one of this article and as reflected in the poverty guidelines 42 updated periodically in the federal register by the U.S. 43 Department of Health and Human Services under the authority 44 of 42 U.S.C. § 9902(2). 45

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.  Chairman, House Committee  Chairman, Senate Committee
Originating in the House.
In effect from passage.
Clerk of the House of Delegates  Clerk of the Senate  Speaker of the House of Delegates  Multiplication
The within is approved this the this the day of, 2015.

#### PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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