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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 109

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Three-fifths of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

1 Section 1. Amend § 1102, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strikethrough and  
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 1102. Imposition and rate of tax; separate tax on lump-sum distributions.

4 (a)(1) For taxable years beginning before January 1, 1985, the amount of tax shall be determined as follows:

5 1.4% of the amount of taxable income not in excess of \$1,000;

6 2.0% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$1,000, but not in excess of \$2,000;

7 3.0% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$2,000, but not in excess of \$3,000;

8 4.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$3,000, but not in excess of \$4,000;

9 5.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$4,000, but not in excess of \$5,000;

10 6.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$5,000, but not in excess of \$6,000;

11 7.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$6,000, but not in excess of \$8,000;

12 8.0% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$8,000, but not in excess of \$10,000;

13 8.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$10,000, but not in excess of \$15,000;

14 8.4% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$15,000, but not in excess of \$20,000;

15 8.8% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$20,000, but not in excess of \$25,000;

16 9.4% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$25,000, but not in excess of \$30,000;

17 11.0% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$30,000, but not in excess of \$40,000;

18 12.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$40,000, but not in excess of \$50,000;

19 13.5% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$50,000.

20 (2) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1984, and before January 1, 1986, the amount of tax shall  
21 be determined as follows:

22 1.3% of the amount of taxable income not in excess of \$1,000;  
23 1.8% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$1,000, but not in excess of \$2,000;  
24 2.7% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$2,000, but not in excess of \$3,000;  
25 3.8% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$3,000, but not in excess of \$4,000;  
26 4.7% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$4,000, but not in excess of \$5,000;  
27 5.6% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$5,000, but not in excess of \$6,000;  
28 6.5% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$6,000, but not in excess of \$8,000;  
29 7.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$8,000, but not in excess of \$10,000;  
30 7.4% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$10,000, but not in excess of \$15,000;  
31 7.6% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$15,000, but not in excess of \$20,000;  
32 7.9% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$20,000, but not in excess of \$25,000;  
33 8.5% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$25,000, but not in excess of \$30,000;  
34 9.9% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$30,000, but not in excess of \$40,000;  
35 10.7% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$40,000.

36 (3) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1985, and before January 1, 1987, the amount of tax shall  
37 be determined as follows:

38 1.2% of the amount of taxable income not in excess of \$1,000;  
39 1.6% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$1,000, but not in excess of \$2,000;  
40 2.5% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$2,000, but not in excess of \$3,000;  
41 3.5% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$3,000, but not in excess of \$4,000;  
42 4.3% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$4,000, but not in excess of \$5,000;  
43 5.1% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$5,000, but not in excess of \$6,000;  
44 5.9% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$6,000, but not in excess of \$8,000;  
45 6.6% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$8,000, but not in excess of \$10,000;  
46 6.7% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$10,000, but not in excess of \$15,000;  
47 6.9% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$15,000, but not in excess of \$20,000;  
48 7.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$20,000, but not in excess of \$25,000;  
49 7.7% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$25,000, but not in excess of \$30,000;  
50 9.0% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$30,000, but not in excess of \$40,000;  
51 9.7% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$40,000.

52 (4) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986, and before January 1, 1988, the amount of tax shall  
53 be determined as follows:

- 54 1.0% of the amount of taxable income not in excess of \$1,000;
- 55 1.4% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$1,000, but not in excess of \$2,000;
- 56 2.3% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$2,000, but not in excess of \$3,000;
- 57 3.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$3,000, but not in excess of \$4,000;
- 58 3.9% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$4,000, but not in excess of \$5,000;
- 59 4.6% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$5,000, but not in excess of \$6,000;
- 60 5.4% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$6,000, but not in excess of \$8,000;
- 61 6.0% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$8,000, but not in excess of \$10,000;
- 62 6.1% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$10,000, but not in excess of \$15,000;
- 63 6.3% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$15,000, but not in excess of \$20,000;
- 64 6.5% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$20,000, but not in excess of \$25,000;
- 65 7.0% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$25,000, but not in excess of \$30,000;
- 66 8.2% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$30,000, but not in excess of \$40,000;
- 67 8.8% of the amount of taxable income in excess of \$40,000.

68 (5) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1987, and before January 1, 1996, the amount of tax shall  
69 be determined as follows:

- 70 3.2% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000, but not in excess of \$5,000;
- 71 5.0% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000, but not in excess of \$10,000;
- 72 6.0% of taxable income in excess of \$10,000, but not in excess of \$20,000;
- 73 6.6% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000, but not in excess of \$25,000;
- 74 7.0% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000, but not in excess of \$30,000;
- 75 7.6% of taxable income in excess of \$30,000, but not in excess of \$40,000;
- 76 7.7% of taxable income in excess of \$40,000.

77 (6) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1995, and before January 1, 1997, the amount of tax shall  
78 be determined as follows:

- 79 3.2% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000 but not in excess of \$5,000;
- 80 5.0% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$10,000;
- 81 6.0% of taxable income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$20,000;

82                   6.35% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000 but not in excess of \$25,000;  
83                   6.65% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000 but not in excess of \$30,000;  
84                   7.1% of taxable income in excess of \$30,000.

85                   (7) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1996, and before January 1, 1999, the amount of tax shall  
86 be determined as follows:

87                   3.1% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000 but not in excess of \$5,000;  
88                   4.85% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$10,000;  
89                   5.8% of taxable income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$20,000;  
90                   6.15% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000 but not in excess of \$25,000;  
91                   6.45% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000 but not in excess of \$30,000;  
92                   6.9% of taxable income in excess of \$30,000.

93                   (8) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998, and before January 1, 2000, the amount of tax shall  
94 be determined as follows:

95                   2.60% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000 but not in excess of \$5,000;  
96                   4.30% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$10,000;  
97                   5.20% of taxable income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$20,000; and  
98                   5.60% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000 but not in excess of \$25,000.

99                   (9) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998, and before January 1, 2000, the amount of tax shall  
100 be determined by reference to paragraph (a)(8) of this section and 5.95% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000 but  
101 not in excess of \$60,000; and 6.40% of taxable income in excess of \$60,000.

102                   (10) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999, and before January 1, 2010, the amount of tax shall  
103 be determined as follows:

104                   2.2% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000 but not in excess of \$5,000;  
105                   3.9% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$10,000;  
106                   4.8% of taxable income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$20,000;  
107                   5.2% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000 but not in excess of \$25,000; and  
108                   5.55% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000 but not in excess of \$60,000.

109                   (11) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999, and before January 1, 2010, the amount of tax shall  
110 be determined by reference to paragraph (a)(10) of this section and 5.95% of taxable income in excess of \$60,000.

111 (12) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2009, and before January 1, 2012, the amount of tax shall  
112 be determined as follows:

- 113 2.2% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000 but not in excess of \$5,000;
- 114 3.9% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$10,000;
- 115 4.8% of taxable income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$20,000;
- 116 5.2% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000 but not in excess of \$25,000;
- 117 5.55% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000 but not in excess of \$60,000; and
- 118 6.95% of taxable income in excess of \$60,000.

119 (13) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011, and before January 1, 2014, the amount of tax shall  
120 be determined as follows:

- 121 2.2% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000 but not in excess of \$5,000;
- 122 3.9% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$10,000;
- 123 4.8 % of taxable income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$20,000;
- 124 5.2% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000 but not in excess of \$25,000;
- 125 5.55% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000 but not in excess of \$60,000; and
- 126 6.75% of taxable income in excess of \$60,000.

127 (14) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013, and before January 1, 2017, the amount of tax shall  
128 be determined as follows:

- 129 2.2% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000 but not in excess of \$5,000;
- 130 3.9% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$10,000;
- 131 4.8% of taxable income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$20,000;
- 132 5.2% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000 but not in excess of \$25,000;
- 133 5.55% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000 but not in excess of \$60,000; and
- 134 6.6% of taxable income in excess of \$60,000.

135 (15) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, the amount of tax shall be determined as follows:

- 136 2.15% of taxable income in excess of \$2,000 but not in excess of \$5,000;
- 137 3.85% of taxable income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$10,000;
- 138 4.75% of taxable income in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$20,000;
- 139 5.15% of taxable income in excess of \$20,000 but not in excess of \$25,000;
- 140 5.50% of taxable income in excess of \$25,000 but not in excess of \$60,000;

141 6.55% of taxable income in excess of \$60,000 but not in excess of \$125,000;  
142 7.05% of taxable income in excess of \$125,000 but not in excess of \$250,000; and  
143 7.80% of taxable income in excess of \$250,000.

144 Section 2. Amend § 1109, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strikethrough and  
145 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

146 § 1109. Itemized deductions.

147 (a) General. — In determining taxable income under this chapter, in lieu of the standard deduction provided by §  
148 1108 of this title, a resident individual may elect to deduct the sum of the itemized deductions claimed on the federal  
149 income tax return as shall be permitted under the laws of the United States as the same are or shall become effective for any  
150 taxable year in determining the federal taxable income, or, if the person does not itemize deductions or elects the credit for  
151 foreign taxes paid on the federal return, the person may deduct the sum of the itemized deductions to which the person  
152 would have been entitled had the person itemized the deductions (including the deduction for foreign taxes paid) on the  
153 federal return:

154 (1) Reduced by:

155 a. The amount thereof representing income taxes imposed by this State;

156 b. The amount of any income tax imposed on the person for the taxable year by another state of the  
157 United States or a political subdivision thereof or the District of Columbia on income derived from sources therein  
158 if the person elected to take such amount as a credit in accordance with § 1111(a) of this title; and

159 (2) Increased by:

160 a. An amount equal to the excess of the state employee automobile mileage reimbursement allowance  
161 over the standard mileage rate allowed as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes for unreimbursed  
162 automobile transportation expense incurred by an individual while serving as a volunteer for a charitable  
163 organization as defined in § 170(c), Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. § 170(c)];

164 b. In the case of a self-employed individual, the amount paid during the taxable year for insurance which  
165 constitutes medical care for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse and dependents, less the amount allowed the  
166 taxpayer as a deduction pursuant to § 162(l)(26 U.S.C. § 162(l)) or successor provision of the Internal Revenue  
167 Code. For purposes of this subparagraph, "self-employed taxpayer" shall mean a resident individual whose gross  
168 income is more than one-half derived from a trade, business or profession and not derived as an employee. Income  
169 in the nature of interest, dividends or other investment income shall not constitute self-employment income. No  
170 self-employed taxpayer whose total cost of insurance for health care for the taxpayer, spouse and dependents

171 exceeds the gross income from the trade, business or profession shall be entitled to the deduction under this  
172 subparagraph; and

173 c. An amount equal to 12 percent of itemized deductions determined under this section without regard to  
174 this paragraph.

175 (3) Reduced by:

176 a. 20 percent in the case of an individual with adjusted gross income in excess of \$125,000 but not in  
177 excess of \$160,000;

178 b. 40 percent in the case of an individual with adjusted gross income in excess of \$160,000 but not in  
179 excess of \$190,000;

180 c. 60 percent in the case of an individual with adjusted gross income in excess of \$190,000 but not in  
181 excess of \$220,000;

182 d. 80 percent in the case of an individual with adjusted gross income in excess of \$220,000 but not in  
183 excess of \$250,000;

184 e. 100 percent in the case of an individual with adjusted gross income in excess of \$250,000.

#### SYNOPSIS

This bill lowers the current tax rate by .05% for each bracket. The bill creates a new tax bracket at \$125,000 with a rate of 7.05% and an additional bracket at \$250,000 with a rate of 7.80%. The bill also provides a tiered reduction of the otherwise available itemized deduction based upon the individual's taxable income.