

SB1734



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1734

Introduced 2/5/2025, by Sen. Li Arellano, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/204

from Ch. 120, par. 2-204

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the cost-of-living adjustment to the standard exemption applies on a permanent basis (currently, for taxable years that end on or before December 31, 2028). Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by
5 changing Section 204 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/204) (from Ch. 120, par. 2-204)

7 Sec. 204. Standard exemption.

8 (a) Allowance of exemption. In computing net income under
9 this Act, there shall be allowed as an exemption the sum of the
10 amounts determined under subsections (b), (c) and (d),
11 multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the amount
12 of the taxpayer's base income allocable to this State for the
13 taxable year and the denominator of which is the taxpayer's
14 total base income for the taxable year.

15 (b) Basic amount. For the purpose of subsection (a) of
16 this Section, except as provided by subsection (a) of Section
17 205 and in this subsection, each taxpayer shall be allowed a
18 basic amount of \$1000, except that for corporations the basic
19 amount shall be zero for tax years ending on or after December
20 31, 2003, and for individuals the basic amount shall be:

21 (1) for taxable years ending on or after December 31,
22 1998 and prior to December 31, 1999, \$1,300;

23 (2) for taxable years ending on or after December 31,

- 1 1999 and prior to December 31, 2000, \$1,650;
- 2 (3) for taxable years ending on or after December 31,
- 3 2000 and prior to December 31, 2012, \$2,000;
- 4 (4) for taxable years ending on or after December 31,
- 5 2012 and prior to December 31, 2013, \$2,050;
- 6 (5) for taxable years ending on or after December 31,
- 7 2013 and on or before December 31, 2022, \$2,050 plus the
- 8 cost-of-living adjustment under subsection (d-5);
- 9 (6) for taxable years ending on or after December 31,
- 10 2023 and prior to December 31, 2024, \$2,425;
- 11 (7) for taxable years ending on or after December 31,
- 12 2024 ~~and on or before December 31, 2023~~, \$2,050 plus the
- 13 cost-of-living adjustment under subsection (d-5).

14 For taxable years ending on or after December 31, 1992, a

15 taxpayer whose Illinois base income exceeds the basic amount

16 and who is claimed as a dependent on another person's tax

17 return under the Internal Revenue Code shall not be allowed

18 any basic amount under this subsection.

19 (c) Additional amount for individuals. In the case of an

20 individual taxpayer, there shall be allowed for the purpose of

21 subsection (a), in addition to the basic amount provided by

22 subsection (b), an additional exemption equal to the basic

23 amount for each exemption in excess of one allowable to such

24 individual taxpayer for the taxable year under Section 151 of

25 the Internal Revenue Code.

26 (d) Additional exemptions for an individual taxpayer and

1 his or her spouse. In the case of an individual taxpayer and
2 his or her spouse, he or she shall each be allowed additional
3 exemptions as follows:

4 (1) Additional exemption for taxpayer or spouse 65
5 years of age or older.

6 (A) For taxpayer. An additional exemption of
7 \$1,000 for the taxpayer if he or she has attained the
8 age of 65 before the end of the taxable year.

9 (B) For spouse when a joint return is not filed. An
10 additional exemption of \$1,000 for the spouse of the
11 taxpayer if a joint return is not made by the taxpayer
12 and his spouse, and if the spouse has attained the age
13 of 65 before the end of such taxable year, and, for the
14 calendar year in which the taxable year of the
15 taxpayer begins, has no gross income and is not the
16 dependent of another taxpayer.

17 (2) Additional exemption for blindness of taxpayer or
18 spouse.

19 (A) For taxpayer. An additional exemption of
20 \$1,000 for the taxpayer if he or she is blind at the
21 end of the taxable year.

22 (B) For spouse when a joint return is not filed. An
23 additional exemption of \$1,000 for the spouse of the
24 taxpayer if a separate return is made by the taxpayer,
25 and if the spouse is blind and, for the calendar year
26 in which the taxable year of the taxpayer begins, has

1 no gross income and is not the dependent of another
2 taxpayer. For purposes of this paragraph, the
3 determination of whether the spouse is blind shall be
4 made as of the end of the taxable year of the taxpayer;
5 except that if the spouse dies during such taxable
6 year such determination shall be made as of the time of
7 such death.

8 (C) Blindness defined. For purposes of this
9 subsection, an individual is blind only if his or her
10 central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the
11 better eye with correcting lenses, or if his or her
12 visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is
13 accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision
14 such that the widest diameter of the visual fields
15 subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

16 (d-5) Cost-of-living adjustment. For purposes of item (5)
17 of subsection (b), the cost-of-living adjustment for any
18 calendar year and for taxable years ending prior to the end of
19 the subsequent calendar year is equal to \$2,050 times the
20 percentage (if any) by which:

21 (1) the Consumer Price Index for the preceding
22 calendar year, exceeds

23 (2) the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year
24 2011.

25 The Consumer Price Index for any calendar year is the
26 average of the Consumer Price Index as of the close of the

1 12-month period ending on August 31 of that calendar year.

2 The term "Consumer Price Index" means the last Consumer
3 Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the United
4 States Department of Labor or any successor agency.

5 If any cost-of-living adjustment is not a multiple of \$25,
6 that adjustment shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple
7 of \$25.

8 (e) Cross reference. See Article 3 for the manner of
9 determining base income allocable to this State.

10 (f) Application of Section 250. Section 250 does not apply
11 to the amendments to this Section made by Public Act 90-613.

12 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for
13 taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, no
14 taxpayer may claim an exemption under this Section if the
15 taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year exceeds
16 (i) \$500,000, in the case of spouses filing a joint federal tax
17 return or (ii) \$250,000, in the case of all other taxpayers.

18 (Source: P.A. 103-9, eff. 6-7-23.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.