

House Bill 2965

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

SUMMARY

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Phases out senior citizen medical expense subtraction for senior citizens with household income above threshold level.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to senior citizen medical expense subtractions for tax purposes; creating new provisions;
3 amending ORS 316.695; and providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths
4 majority.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1.** ORS 316.695 is amended to read:

7 316.695. (1) In addition to the modifications to federal taxable income contained in this chapter,
8 there shall be added to or subtracted from federal taxable income:

9 (a) If, in computing federal income tax for a taxable year, the taxpayer deducted itemized de-
10 ductions, as defined in section 63(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, the taxpayer shall add the amount
11 of itemized deductions deducted (the itemized deductions less an amount, if any, by which the item-
12 ized deductions are reduced under section 68 of the Internal Revenue Code).

13 (b) If, in computing federal income tax for a taxable year, the taxpayer deducted the standard
14 deduction, as defined in section 63(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, the taxpayer shall add the
15 amount of the standard deduction deducted.

16 (c)(A) From federal taxable income there shall be subtracted the larger of (i) the taxpayer's
17 itemized deductions or (ii) a standard deduction. Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section,
18 for purposes of this subparagraph, "standard deduction" means the sum of the basic standard de-
19 duction and the additional standard deduction.

20 (B) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the basic standard deduction is:

21 (i) \$3,280, in the case of joint return filers or a surviving spouse;

22 (ii) \$1,640, in the case of an individual who is not a married individual and is not a surviving
23 spouse;

24 (iii) \$1,640, in the case of a married individual who files a separate return; or

25 (iv) \$2,640, in the case of a head of household.

26 (C)(i) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph for tax years beginning on or after
27 January 1, 2003, the Department of Revenue shall annually recompute the basic standard deduction
28 for each category of return filer listed under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph. The basic standard
29 deduction shall be computed by dividing the average U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for
30 the second quarter of the current calendar year by the average U.S. City Average Consumer Price
31 Index for the second quarter of 2002, then multiplying that quotient by the amount listed under

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1 subparagraph (B) of this paragraph for each category of return filer.

2 (ii) If any change in the maximum household income determined under this subparagraph is not
3 a multiple of \$5, the increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of \$5.

4 (iii) As used in this subparagraph, "U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index" means the U.S.
5 City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (All Items) as published by the Bureau
6 of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

7 (D) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the additional standard deduction is the
8 sum of each additional amount to which the taxpayer is entitled under subsection (7) of this section.

9 (E) As used in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, "surviving spouse" and "head of household"
10 have the meaning given those terms in section 2 of the Internal Revenue Code.

11 (F) In the case of the following, the standard deduction referred to in subparagraph (A) of this
12 paragraph shall be zero:

13 (i) A husband or wife filing a separate return where the other spouse has claimed itemized de-
14 ductions under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

15 (ii) A nonresident alien individual;

16 (iii) An individual making a return for a period of less than 12 months on account of a change
17 in his or her annual accounting period;

18 (iv) An estate or trust;

19 (v) A common trust fund; or

20 (vi) A partnership.

21 (d) For the purposes of paragraph (c)(A) of this subsection, the taxpayer's itemized deductions
22 are the sum of:

23 (A) The taxpayer's itemized deductions as defined in section 63(d) of the Internal Revenue Code
24 (reduced, if applicable, as described under section 68 of the Internal Revenue Code) minus the de-
25 duction for Oregon income tax (reduced, if applicable, by the proportion that the reduction in federal
26 itemized deductions resulting from section 68 of the Internal Revenue Code bears to the amount of
27 federal itemized deductions as defined for purposes of section 68 of the Internal Revenue Code); and

28 (B)(i) The amount that may be taken into account under section 213(a) of the Internal Revenue
29 Code, not to exceed seven and one-half percent of the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer,
30 if the taxpayer has attained [*the following age*] **62 years of age** before the close of the taxable year,
31 or, in the case of a joint return, if either taxpayer has attained [*the following age*] **62 years of age**
32 before the close of the taxable year[.].

33 [*(i) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, and before January 1, 1993, a tax-*
34 *payer must attain 58 years of age before the close of the taxable year.*]

35 [*(ii) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1993, and before January 1, 1995, a tax-*
36 *payer must attain 59 years of age before the close of the taxable year.*]

37 [*(iii) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, and before January 1, 1997, a tax-*
38 *payer must attain 60 years of age before the close of the taxable year.*]

39 [*(iv) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, and before January 1, 1999, a tax-*
40 *payer must attain 61 years of age before the close of the taxable year.*]

41 [*(v) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, a taxpayer must attain 62 years of*
42 *age before the close of the taxable year.*]

43 (ii) **Notwithstanding sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph, if a taxpayer's household**
44 **income, as defined in ORS 310.630, is equal to or greater than \$100,000, or \$200,000 in the case**
45 **of a taxpayer filing a joint return, the amount determined under sub-subparagraph (i) of this**

subparagraph shall be reduced in accordance with the following table:

Household income for Taxpayers filing Joint Returns	Household income for Taxpayers filing Single Returns	Allowable percentage of amount determined under subsection (1)(d)(B)(i) of this section
\$200,000 or more, but less than \$210,000	\$100,000 or more, but less than \$105,000	80 %
\$210,000 or more, but less than \$220,000	\$105,000 or more, but less than \$110,000	60 %
\$220,000 or more, but less than \$230,000	\$110,000 or more, but less than \$115,000	40 %
\$230,000 or more, but less than \$240,000	\$115,000 or more, but less than \$120,000	20 %
\$240,000 or more, but less than \$250,000	\$120,000 or more, but less than \$125,000	10 %
\$250,000 or more	\$125,000 or more	zero

(2)(a) There shall be subtracted from federal taxable income any portion of the distribution of a pension, profit-sharing, stock bonus or other retirement plan, representing that portion of contributions which were taxed by the State of Oregon but not taxed by the federal government under laws in effect for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 1969, or for any subsequent year in which the amount that was contributed to the plan under the Internal Revenue Code was greater than the amount allowed under this chapter.

(b) Interest or other earnings on any excess contributions of a pension, profit-sharing, stock bonus or other retirement plan not permitted to be deducted under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not be added to federal taxable income in the year earned by the plan and shall not be subtracted from federal taxable income in the year received by the taxpayer.

(3)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection and subsection (4) of this section, there shall be added to federal taxable income the amount of any federal income taxes in excess of \$5,500, accrued by the taxpayer during the taxable year as described in ORS 316.685, less the amount of any refund of federal taxes previously accrued for which a tax benefit was received.

(b) In the case of a husband and wife filing separate tax returns, the amount added shall be in the amount of any federal income taxes in excess of \$2,750, less the amount of any refund of federal taxes previously accrued for which a tax benefit was received.

(c)(A) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2008, the Department of Revenue shall make a cost-of-living adjustment to the federal income tax threshold amount described in par-

1 agraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

2 (B) The cost-of-living adjustment for a calendar year is the percentage by which the monthly
3 averaged U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for the 12 consecutive months ending August 31
4 of the prior calendar year exceeds the monthly averaged index for the period beginning September
5 1, 2005, and ending August 31, 2006.

6 (C) As used in this paragraph, "U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index" means the U.S. City
7 Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (All Items) as published by the Bureau of
8 Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

9 (D) If any adjustment determined under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph is not a multiple of
10 \$50, the adjustment shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of \$50.

11 (E) The adjustment shall apply to all tax years beginning in the calendar year for which the
12 adjustment is made.

13 (4)(a) In addition to the adjustments required by ORS 316.130, a full-year nonresident individual
14 shall add to taxable income a proportion of any accrued federal income taxes as computed under
15 ORS 316.685 in excess of \$5,500 in the proportion provided in ORS 316.117.

16 (b) In the case of a husband and wife filing separate tax returns, the amount added under this
17 subsection shall be computed in a manner consistent with the computation of the amount to be
18 added in the case of a husband and wife filing separate returns under subsection (3) of this section.
19 The method of computation shall be determined by the Department of Revenue by rule.

20 (5) Subsections (3)(b) and (4)(b) of this section shall not apply to married individuals living apart
21 as defined in section 7703(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

22 (6)(a) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1981, and prior to January 1, 1983, income
23 or loss taken into account in determining federal taxable income by a shareholder of an S corpo-
24 ration pursuant to sections 1373 to 1375 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be adjusted for purposes
25 of determining Oregon taxable income, to the extent that as income or loss of the S corporation,
26 they were required to be adjusted under the provisions of ORS chapter 317.

27 (b) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1983, items of income, loss or deduction taken
28 into account in determining federal taxable income by a shareholder of an S corporation pursuant
29 to sections 1366 to 1368 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be adjusted for purposes of determining
30 Oregon taxable income, to the extent that as items of income, loss or deduction of the shareholder
31 the items are required to be adjusted under the provisions of this chapter.

32 (c) The tax years referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection are those of the S
33 corporation.

34 (d) As used in paragraph (a) of this subsection, an S corporation refers to an electing small
35 business corporation.

36 (7)(a) The taxpayer shall be entitled to an additional amount, as referred to in subsection
37 (1)(c)(A) and (D) of this section, of \$1,000:

38 (A) For himself or herself if he or she has attained age 65 before the close of his or her taxable
39 year; and

40 (B) For the spouse of the taxpayer if the spouse has attained age 65 before the close of the
41 taxable year and an additional exemption is allowable to the taxpayer for such spouse for federal
42 income tax purposes under section 151(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

43 (b) The taxpayer shall be entitled to an additional amount, as referred to in subsection (1)(c)(A)
44 and (D) of this section, of \$1,000:

45 (A) For himself or herself if he or she is blind at the close of the taxable year; and

1 (B) For the spouse of the taxpayer if the spouse is blind as of the close of the taxable year and
2 an additional exemption is allowable to the taxpayer for such spouse for federal income tax purposes
3 under section 151(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. For purposes of this subparagraph, if the spouse
4 dies during the taxable year, the determination of whether such spouse is blind shall be made im-
5 mediately prior to death.

6 (c) In the case of an individual who is not married and is not a surviving spouse, paragraphs (a)
7 and (b) of this subsection shall be applied by substituting "\$1,200" for "\$1,000."

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

12 (8) In the case of an individual with respect to whom a deduction under section 151 of the
13 Internal Revenue Code is allowable for federal income tax purposes to another taxpayer for a tax-
14 able year beginning in the calendar year in which the individual's taxable year begins, the basic
15 standard deduction (referred to in subsection (1)(c)(B) of this section) applicable to such individual
16 for such individual's taxable year shall equal the lesser of:

17 (a) The amount allowed to the individual under section 63(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code for
18 federal income tax purposes for the tax year for which the deduction is being claimed; or

19 (b) The amount determined under subsection (1)(c)(B) of this section.

20 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 316.695 by section 1 of this 2007 Act apply to tax**
21 **years beginning on or after January 1, 2008.**

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