

# HOUSE BILL 1072

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – County Income Tax – Credit for Primary and**  
3 **Specialty Health Care Providers**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to allow, by  
5 law, certain primary or specialty health care providers to claim a tax credit up to a  
6 certain amount against the county income tax under certain circumstances;  
7 providing that the tax credit is allowed against the county income tax only;  
8 authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to provide for certain  
9 matters relating to the tax credit; requiring the county to notify the Comptroller by  
10 a certain date if the tax credit is authorized; requiring the Comptroller, in  
11 consultation with the Prince George's County Office of Finance, to adopt certain  
12 regulations; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and  
13 generally relating to a county income tax credit for primary and specialty health care  
14 providers.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Tax – General  
17 Section 10–706  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
21 Article – Tax – General  
22 Section 10–751  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
26 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

27 **Article – Tax – General**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 10-706.

2 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a credit allowed under this  
3 subtitle is allowed against the State income tax only.

4 (b) A credit under § 10-701 of this subtitle is allowed against the total county and  
5 State income taxes.

6 (c) (1) A credit allowed under § 10-704(a)(1) or § 10-709(b)(1) of this subtitle  
7 is allowed against the State income tax only.

8 (2) A credit allowed under § 10-704(a)(2) [or], § 10-709(b)(2), **OR § 10-751**  
9 of this subtitle is allowed against the county income tax only.

10 **10-751.**

11 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “PRIMARY OR SPECIALTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER”  
12 MEANS A PHYSICIAN, A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, A DENTIST, AN OPTOMETRIST, AN  
13 OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, OR A PODIATRIST WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE  
14 STATE.

15 (B) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING  
16 BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY MAY ALLOW, BY LAW, A PRIMARY OR  
17 SPECIALTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO CLAIM A TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY  
18 INCOME TAX OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY IF, DURING THE ENTIRE TAXABLE YEAR,  
19 THE PRIMARY OR SPECIALTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WAS:

20 (1) DOMICILED IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY; AND

21 (2) EMPLOYED BY A MEDICAL PRACTICE, THE PRIMARY OFFICE OF  
22 WHICH WAS LOCATED AND MAINTAINED WITHIN THE AREA OF PRINCE GEORGE’S  
23 COUNTY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE AS ZIP CODE 20743.

24 (C) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
25 EQUAL THE LESSER OF:

26 (1) THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNING BODY  
27 OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000; OR

28 (2) THE COUNTY INCOME TAX DUE FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR.

29 (D) THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY MAY PROVIDE,  
30 BY LAW, FOR:

1           **(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE AMOUNT,**  
2 **APPLICABILITY, AND DURATION OF THE COUNTY INCOME TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS**  
3 **SECTION;**

4           **(2) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND**

5           **(3) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TAX**  
6 **CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.**

7           **(E) IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AUTHORIZES**  
8 **THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL NOTIFY THE**  
9 **COMPTROLLER ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY**  
10 **PRECEDING THE FIRST TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE CREDIT WILL APPLY.**

11           **(F) THE COMPTROLLER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRINCE GEORGE'S**  
12 **COUNTY OFFICE OF FINANCE, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY**  
13 **OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

14           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**  
15 **1, 2020, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.**