

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-7-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to individual income tax rates, tax tables, credit for withholding and other payments, and applicability to estates and trusts, so as to change the computation of the amount of tax imposed by adjusting tax tables' income brackets to account for the accumulated effect of inflation since 1971; to phase in such adjustment over a three-year period; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

- (1) The tax tables' income brackets provided by current law for computing the amount of income tax imposed by this state on individuals are the same as those tax tables' income brackets enacted in 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 605, Sec. 1);
- (2) The accumulated effect of more than a quarter of a century of inflation on individual incomes necessitates establishing a new set of tables for computing individual income tax, with income brackets adjusted to account for such accumulated effect of inflation since 1971; and
- (3) The General Assembly intends to phase in such adjustment over a three-year period.

**SECTION 2.**

Code Section 48-7-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to individual income tax rates, tax tables, credit for withholding and other payments, and applicability to estates and trusts, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (b), which reads as follows:

"(b)(1) The tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be computed

in accordance with the following tables:

SINGLE PERSON

If Georgia Taxable Net Income Is:	The Tax Is:
Not over \$750.00 .....	1%
Over \$750.00 but not over \$2,250.00 .....	\$7.50 plus 2% of amount over \$750.00
Over \$2,250.00 but not over \$3,750.00 .....	\$37.50 plus 3% of amount over \$2,250.00
Over \$3,750.00 but not over \$5,250.00 .....	\$82.50 plus 4% of amount over \$3,750.00
Over \$5,250.00 but not over \$7,000.00 .....	\$142.50 plus 5% of amount over \$5,250.00
Over \$7,000.00 .....	\$230.00 plus 6% of amount over \$7,000.00

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If Georgia Taxable Net Income Is:	The Tax Is:
Not over \$500.00 .....	1%
Over \$500.00 but not over \$1,500.00 .....	\$5.00 plus 2% of amount over \$500.00

1	Over \$1,500.00 but not over	
2	\$2,500.00 .....	\$25.00 plus 3% of amount over \$1,500.00
3	Over \$2,500.00 but not over	
4	\$3,500.00 .....	\$55.00 plus 4% of amount over \$2,500.00
5	Over \$3,500.00 but not over	
6	\$5,000.00 .....	\$95.00 plus 5% of amount over \$3,500.00
7	Over \$5,000.00 .....	\$170.00 plus 6% of amount over \$5,000.00

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10	If Georgia Taxable	The Tax Is:
11	Net Income Is:	
12	Not over \$1,000.00 .....	1%
13	Over \$1,000.00 but not over	
14	\$3,000.00 .....	\$10.00 plus 2% of amount over \$1,000.00
15	Over \$3,000.00 but not over	
16	\$5,000.00 .....	\$50.00 plus 3% of amount over \$3,000.00
17	Over \$5,000.00 but not over	
18	\$7,000.00 .....	\$110.00 plus 4% of amount over \$5,000.00
19	Over \$7,000.00 but not over	\$10,000.00 .....

\$190.00 plus 5% of amount over  
\$7,000.00

Over \$10,000.00 ..... \$340.00 plus 6% of amount over  
\$10,000.00",

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(b)(1) The tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be  
computed in accordance with the following tables:

(A) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, and prior to January 1,  
2003:

SINGLE PERSON

If Georgia Taxable	The Tax Is:
Net Income Is:	

Not over \$1,525.00 .....	1%
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Over \$1,525.00 but not over \$4,577.00 .....	\$15.25 plus 2% of amount over \$1,525.00
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Over \$4,577.00 but not over \$7,630.00 .....	\$76.29 plus 3% of amount over \$4,577.00
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Over \$7,630.00 but not over \$10,682.00 .....	\$167.88 plus 4% of amount over \$7,630.00
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Over \$10,682.00 but not over \$14,242.00 .....	\$289.96 plus 5% of amount over \$10,682.00
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Over \$14,242.00 .....	\$467.96 plus 6% of amount over
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1       \$14,242.00

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3                               If Georgia Taxable                               The Tax Is:

4                               Net Income Is:

5	Not over \$1,017.00 .....	1%
6	Over \$1,017.00 but not over	
7	\$3,052.00 .....	\$10.17 plus 2% of amount over \$1,017.00
8	Over \$3,052.00 but not over	
9	\$5,087.00 .....	\$50.87 plus 3% of amount over \$3,052.00
10	Over \$5,087.00 but not over	
11	\$7,120.00 .....	\$111.92 plus 4% of amount over \$5,087.00
12	Over \$7,120.00 but not over	
13	\$10,173.00 .....	\$193.24 plus 5% of amount over \$7,120.00
14	Over \$10,173.00 .....	\$345.89 plus 6% of amount over \$10,173.00

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3 If Georgia Taxable The Tax Is:  
4 Net Income Is:

5	Not over \$2,033.00 .....	1%
6	Over \$2,033.00 but not over	
7	\$6,107.00 .....	\$20.33 plus 2% of amount over \$2,033.00
8	Over \$6,107.00 but not over	
9	\$10,173.00 .....	\$101.81 plus 3% of amount over \$6,107.00
10	Over \$10,173.00 but not over	
11	\$14,242.00 .....	\$223.79 plus 4% of amount over \$10,173.00
12	Over \$14,242.00 but not over	
13	\$20,347.00 .....	\$386.55 plus 5% of amount over \$14,242.00
14	Over \$20,347.00 .....	\$691.80 plus 6% of amount over \$20,347.00

15 (B) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, and prior to January 1,  
16 2004:

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19 If Georgia Taxable The Tax Is:  
20 Net Income Is:

21	Not over \$2,300.00 .....	1%
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1	Over \$2,300.00 but not over	
2	\$6,903.00 .....	\$23.00 plus 2% of amount over \$2,300.00
3	Over \$6,903.00 but not over	
4	\$11,510.00 .....	\$115.06 plus 3% of amount over \$6,903.00
5	Over \$11,510.00 but not over	
6	\$16,113.00 .....	\$253.27 plus 4% of amount over \$11,510.00
7	Over \$16,113.00 but not over	
8	\$21,483.00 .....	\$437.39 plus 5% of amount over \$16,113.00
9	Over \$21,483.00 .....	\$705.89 plus 6% of amount over \$21,483.00

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11	If Georgia Taxable	The Tax Is:
12	Net Income Is:	

13	Not over \$1,533.00 .....	1%
14	Over \$1,533.00 but not over	
15	\$4,603.00 .....	\$15.33 plus 2% of amount over \$1,533.00
16	Over \$4,603.00 but not over	
17	\$7,673.00 .....	\$76.73 plus 3% of amount over \$4,603.00
18	Over \$7,673.00 but not over	
19	\$10,740.00 .....	\$168.83 plus 4% of amount over





(C) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004:

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If Georgia Taxable Net Income Is:	The Tax Is:
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Not over \$3,075.00 .....	1%
Over \$3,075.00 but not over \$9,230.00 .....	\$30.75 plus 2% of amount over \$3,075.00
Over \$9,230.00 but not over \$15,390.00 .....	\$153.85 plus 3% of amount over \$9,230.00
Over \$15,390.00 but not over \$21,545.00 .....	\$338.65 plus 4% of amount over \$15,390.00
Over \$21,545.00 but not over \$28,725.00 .....	\$584.85 plus 5% of amount over \$21,545.00
Over \$28,725.00 .....	\$943.85 plus 6% of amount over \$28,725.00

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2 If Georgia Taxable The Tax Is:  
3 Net Income Is:

4	Not over \$2,050.00 .....	1%
5	Over \$2,050.00 but not over	
6	\$6,155.00 .....	\$20.50 plus 2% of amount over \$2,050.00
7	Over \$6,155.00 but not over	
8	\$10,260.00 .....	\$102.50 plus 3% of amount over \$6,155.00
9	Over \$10,260.00 but not over	
10	\$14,360.00 .....	\$225.75 plus 4% of amount over \$10,260.00
11	Over \$14,360.00 but not over	
12	\$20,520.00 .....	\$389.75 plus 5% of amount over \$14,360.00
13	Over \$20,520.00 .....	\$697.75 plus 6% of amount over \$20,520.00

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16 If Georgia Taxable The Tax Is:  
17 Net Income Is:

18	Not over \$4,100.00 .....	1%
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1	Over \$4,100.00 but not over
2	\$12,320.00 ..... \$41.00 plus 2% of amount over \$4,100.00
3	Over \$12,320.00 but not over
4	\$20,520.00 ..... \$205.40 plus 3% of amount over \$12,320.00
5	Over \$20,520.00 but not over
6	\$28,725.00 ..... \$451.40 plus 4% of amount over \$20,520.00
7	Over \$28,725.00 but not over
8	\$41,040.00 ..... \$779.60 plus 5% of amount over \$28,725.00
9	Over \$41,040.00 ..... \$1,395.35 plus 6% of amount over \$41,040.00"

**SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective January 1, 2002, and shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after such date.

**SECTION 4.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.