

House Bill 343

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Frye of the 118th, Stephens of the 164th, Watson of the 172nd, Hawkins of the 27th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to
3 provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for an automatic repeal;
4 to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, is amended in
10 subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to the computation of taxable net income,
11 by revising the introductory language; by striking "; and" at the end of paragraph (14) and
12 inserting a semicolon in lieu thereof; by striking the period at the end of paragraph (15) and
13 inserting "; and" in lieu thereof; and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

14 "(a) Georgia taxable net income of an individual shall be the taxpayer's federal adjusted
15 gross income, as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, less:"

16 "(16)(A) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, an amount equal to
17 the income paid to a musical artist, composer, or performer in this state, during his or
18 her lifetime, as compensation for the licensing or other authorized use or reproduction
19 of his or her musical compositions.

20 (B) This paragraph shall be repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2024."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
23 without such approval.

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.