

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1237**

Introduced by

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Senator Dever

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 57-38-01.28 and subdivision t of  
2 subsection 2 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the marriage  
3 penalty credit and an income tax exclusion for social security benefits; and to provide an  
4 effective date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 57-38-01.28 of the North Dakota  
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 4. For purposes of this section:

9 a. "Qualifying income" means the sum of the following, to the extent included in  
10 North Dakota taxable income:

11 (1) Earned income as defined in section 32(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code;  
12 and

13 (2) Income received from a retirement pension, profit-sharing, stock bonus, or  
14 annuity plan; ~~and~~

15 ~~(3) Social security benefits as defined in section 86(d)(1) of the Internal~~  
16 ~~Revenue Code to the extent included in North Dakota taxable income.~~

17 b. "Qualifying income of the lesser-earning spouse" means the qualifying income of  
18 the spouse with the lesser amount of qualifying income for the taxable year  
19 minus the sum of:

20 (1) The amount for one exemption under section 151(d) of the Internal Revenue  
21 Code; and

22 (2) One-half of the amount of the standard deduction under section 63(c)(2)(A)  
23 (4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

1       **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision t of subsection 2 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3           t. ~~For taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income of fifty thousand dollars or less,~~  
4           ~~or one hundred thousand dollars or less if married filing jointly, reduced~~Reduced  
5           by an~~the~~ amount equal ~~to~~of social security benefits included in a taxpayer's  
6           federal adjusted gross income under section 86 of the Internal Revenue Code.

7       **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after  
8 December 31, 2020.