

Will the Estate Tax Exemption in MD Increase?

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Senate Moves Legislation Ahead to Increase The Exemption Over the Next 5 Years

On second reading, the Maryland Senate preliminarily approved legislation increasing the Maryland estate tax exemption for individuals dying after 2014. Senate Bill 602 was amended to increase the Maryland estate tax exemption gradually over the next five years to the federal estate tax exemption as follows:

2015 – \$1,500,000

2016 – \$2,000,000

2017 – \$3,000,000

2018 – \$4,000,000

after 2018 – the federal estate tax exemption (currently \$5,340,000 adjusted annually for inflation)

The House voted to pass the same legislation earlier this month.

A final vote in the Senate could come *as early as Thursday*. We will keep you posted.