Complete lines 1–16 on Form 502. Line 16 is your Maryland adjusted gross income.

16 FIGURE YOUR MARYLAND TAXABLE NET INCOME.

To find your taxable income you must subtract either the standard deduction from the worksheet or the itemized deductions you have entered on line 17 of Form 502. The ITEMIZED DEDUCTION METHOD will lower your taxes if you have enough deductions. If you are not certain about which method to use, figure your tax both ways to determine which method is best for you. Check the box on line 17 of Form 502 to show which method you will use.