

## SOME THOUGHTS ON THE SECURE ACT.

The rules on when retirees must take [required minimum distributions \(RMDs\)](#) changed as of Jan. 1, 2020, thanks to the SECURE Act, which was signed into law on Dec. 20, 2019. See our summary of that legislation.

Under the old rules, anyone with money in an IRA was forced to take an RMD every year starting at age 70½. **The SECURE Act now delays those required distributions until age 72. If you were born on July 1, 1949, or later, you do not have to take an RMD until age 72.**

**If you were born before July 1, 1949**, you fall under the old RMD rules, and you'll be forced to withdraw money (whether you need it or not) every year starting after age 70½.

A big change is that, if you are still working and have earned income after 70 ½, you can now contribute to your traditional IRA, but this starts for contributions designated tax year 2020.

**Inherited IRA's** -If you inherit an IRA from someone other than your spouse, you no longer can take the distributions over your lifetime, but must do so within 10 years. This is not a retroactive change but applies to those who pass after 12/31/19.