

1958—Pub. L. 85-866, title I, §68(b), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1659, added item 2517.

§ 2511. Transfers in general

(a) Scope

Subject to the limitations contained in this chapter, the tax imposed by section 2501 shall apply whether the transfer is in trust or otherwise, whether the gift is direct or indirect, and whether the property is real or personal, tangible or intangible; but in the case of a nonresident not a citizen of the United States, shall apply to a transfer only if the property is situated within the United States.

(b) Intangible property

For purposes of this chapter, in the case of a nonresident not a citizen of the United States who is excepted from the application of section 2501(a)(2)—

- (1) shares of stock issued by a domestic corporation, and
- (2) debt obligations of—
 - (A) a United States person, or
 - (B) the United States, a State or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia,

which are owned and held by such nonresident shall be deemed to be property situated within the United States.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 406; Pub. L. 89-809, title I, §109(b), Nov. 13, 1966, 80 Stat. 1575; Pub. L. 107-16, title V, §511(e), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 71; Pub. L. 107-147, title IV, §411(g)(1), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 46; Pub. L. 111-312, title III, §302(e), Dec. 17, 2010, 124 Stat. 3302.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

For termination of amendment by section 304 of Pub. L. 111-312, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2010 Amendment note below.

For termination of amendment by section 901 of Pub. L. 107-16, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2001 Amendment note below.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-312, §§302(e), 304, temporarily struck out subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this section and except as provided in regulations, a transfer in trust shall be treated as a transfer of property by gift, unless the trust is treated as wholly owned by the donor or the donor’s spouse under subpart E of part I of subchapter J of chapter 1.” See Effective and Termination Dates of 2010 Amendment note below.

2002—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-147 substituted “transfer of property by gift,” for “taxable gift under section 2503.”

2001—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-16, §§511(e), 901, temporarily added subsec. (c). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2001 Amendment note below.

1966—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-809 inserted reference to nonresidents who are excepted from the application of section 2501(a)(2) and expanded section to include debt obligations of United States persons or the United States, a State or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-312 applicable to estates of decedents dying, generation-skipping transfers, and gifts made, after Dec. 31, 2009, see section 302(f) of Pub.

L. 111-312, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

Section 901 of Pub. L. 107-16 applicable to amendments by section 302(e) of Pub. L. 111-312, see section 304 of Pub. L. 111-312, set out as a note under section 121 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-147 effective as if included in the provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-16, to which such amendment relates, see section 411(x) of Pub. L. 107-147, set out as a note under section 25B of this title.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-16 applicable to gifts made after Dec. 31, 2009, see section 511(f)(3) of Pub. L. 107-16, set out as a note under section 2502 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-16 inapplicable to estates of decedents dying, gifts made, or generation skipping transfers, after Dec. 31, 2012, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be applied and administered to such estates, gifts, and transfers as if such amendment had never been enacted, see section 901 of Pub. L. 107-16, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1966 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 89-809 applicable with respect to calendar year 1967 and all calendar years thereafter, see section 109(c) of Pub. L. 89-809, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

§ 2512. Valuation of gifts

(a) If the gift is made in property, the value thereof at the date of the gift shall be considered the amount of the gift.

(b) Where property is transferred for less than an adequate and full consideration in money or money’s worth, then the amount by which the value of the property exceeded the value of the consideration shall be deemed a gift, and shall be included in computing the amount of gifts made during the calendar year.

(c) Cross reference

For individual’s right to be furnished on request a statement regarding any valuation made by the Secretary of a gift by that individual, see section 7517.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 406; Pub. L. 91-614, title I, §102(b)(1), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1840; Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, §2008(a)(2)(B), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1891; Pub. L. 97-34, title IV, §442(b)(1), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 322.)

AMENDMENTS

1981—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-34 substituted “calendar year” for “calendar quarters”.

1976—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-455 added subsec. (c).

1970—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-614 substituted “calendar quarter” for “calendar year”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-34 applicable with respect to gifts made after Dec. 31, 1981, see section 442(e) of Pub. L. 97-34, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-614 applicable with respect to gifts made after Dec. 31, 1970, see section 102(e) of Pub. L. 91-614, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.