

**§ 6682. False information with respect to withholding**

**(a) Civil penalty**

In addition to any criminal penalty provided by law, if—

(1) any individual makes a statement under section 3402 or section 3406 which results in a decrease in the amounts deducted and withheld under chapter 24, and

(2) as of the time such statement was made, there was no reasonable basis for such statement,

such individual shall pay a penalty of \$500 for such statement.

**(b) Exception**

The Secretary may waive (in whole or in part) the penalty imposed under subsection (a) if the taxes imposed with respect to the individual under subtitle A for the taxable year are equal to or less than the sum of—

(1) the credits against such taxes allowed by part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1, and

(2) the payments of estimated tax which are considered payments on account of such taxes.

**(c) Deficiency procedures not to apply**

Subchapter B of chapter 63 (relating to deficiency procedures for income, estate, gift, and certain excise taxes) shall not apply in respect to the assessment or collection of any penalty imposed by subsection (a).

(Added Pub. L. 89-368, title I, §101(e)(4)(A), Mar. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 61; amended Pub. L. 91-172, title I, §101(j)(55), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §1016(a)(23), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 931; Pub. L. 97-34, title VII, §721(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 340; Pub. L. 97-248, title III, §§306(a), 308(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 588, 591; Pub. L. 98-67, title I, §§102(a), 107(a), Aug. 5, 1983, 97 Stat. 369, 382.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 98-67 inserted reference to section 3406 and repealed amendments made by Pub. L. 97-248. See 1982 Amendment note below.

1982—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 97-248 provided that, applicable to payments of interest, dividends, and patronage dividends paid or credited after June 30, 1983, par. (1) is amended by inserting “or section 3452(f)(1)(A)” after “section 3402”. Section 102(a), (b) of Pub. L. 98-67, title I, Aug. 5, 1983, 97 Stat. 369, repealed subtitle A (§§301-308) of title III of Pub. L. 97-248 as of the close of June 30, 1983, and provided that the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [now 1986] [this title] shall be applied and administered (subject to certain exceptions) as if such subtitle A (and the amendments made by such subtitle A) had not been enacted.

1981—Pub. L. 97-34 struck out “allowances based on itemized deductions” after “withholding” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-34 substituted provisions relating to imposition of penalty of \$500 for statement under section 3402 resulting in decreased amounts withheld under chapter 24 and no reasonable basis existed for making such statement at the time it was made, for provisions relating to imposition of penalty of \$50 for statement under section 3402(f)(1)(F) concerning amount of wages under chapter 24, or itemized deductions under section 3402(m), and provisions setting forth conditions for mitigation of such penalty.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 97-34 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

1974—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-406 substituted “and certain excise” for “chapter 42.”

1969—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-172 inserted reference to chapter 42 taxes.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 107(a) of Pub. L. 98-67 effective Aug. 5, 1983, see section 110(c) of Pub. L. 98-67, set out as a note under section 31 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Section 721(d) of Pub. L. 97-34 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending sections 6682 and 7205 of this title] shall apply to acts and failures to act after December 31, 1981.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-406 applicable, except as otherwise provided in section 1017(c) through (i) of Pub. L. 93-406, for plan years beginning after Sept. 2, 1974, but, in the case of plans in existence on Jan. 1, 1974, amendment by Pub. L. 93-406 applicable for plan years beginning after Dec. 31, 1975, see section 1017 of Pub. L. 93-406, set out as an Effective Date; Transitional Rules note under section 410 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1969 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-172 effective Jan. 1, 1970, see section 101(k)(1) of Pub. L. 91-172, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4940 of this title.

**§ 6683. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-135, title IV, § 403(n)(3)(A), Dec. 21, 2005, 119 Stat. 2626]**

Section, added Pub. L. 89-809, title I, §104(h)(4)(A), Nov. 13, 1966, 80 Stat. 1560; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 105-34, title XII, §1281(c), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1037, related to failure of foreign corporation to file return of personal holding company tax.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective as if included in the provisions of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, Pub. L. 108-357, to which it relates, see section 403(mn) of Pub. L. 109-135, set out as an Effective Date of 2005 Amendment note under section 26 of this title.

**§ 6684. Assessable penalties with respect to liability for tax under chapter 42**

If any person becomes liable for tax under any section of chapter 42 (relating to private foundations and certain other tax-exempt organizations) by reason of any act or failure to act which is not due to reasonable cause and either—

(1) such person has theretofore been liable for tax under such chapter, or

(2) such act or failure to act is both willful and flagrant,

then such person shall be liable for a penalty equal to the amount of such tax.

(Added Pub. L. 91-172, title I, §101(c), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 519; amended Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10712(c)(4), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-467.)

AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-203 inserted “and certain other tax-exempt organizations” after “private foundations” in parenthetical.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-203 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 22, 1987, see section 10712(d) of Pub. L. 100-203, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4955 of this title.