

§ 6688. Assessable penalties with respect to information required to be furnished under section 7654

In addition to any criminal penalty provided by law, any person described in section 7654(a) who is required under section 937(c) or by regulations prescribed under section 7654 to furnish information and who fails to comply with such requirement at the time prescribed by such regulations unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect, shall pay (upon notice and demand by the Secretary and in the same manner as tax) a penalty of \$1,000 for each such failure.

(Added Pub. L. 92-606, §1(c), Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1496, §6687; renumbered §6688, Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §1016(b)(4), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 932; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 108-357, title VIII, §908(b), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1656.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-357 inserted “under section 937(c) or” before “by regulations” and substituted “\$1,000” for “\$100”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-357 applicable to taxable years ending after Oct. 22, 2004, see section 908(d)(1) of Pub. L. 108-357, set out as an Effective Date note under section 937 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1972, see section 2 of Pub. L. 92-606, set out in part as a note under section 931 of this title.

§ 6689. Failure to file notice of redetermination of foreign tax

(a) Civil penalty

If the taxpayer fails to notify the Secretary (on or before the date prescribed by regulations for giving such notice) of a foreign tax redetermination, unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, there shall be added to the deficiency attributable to such redetermination an amount (not in excess of 25 percent of the deficiency) determined as follows—

- (1) 5 percent of the deficiency if the failure is for not more than 1 month, with
- (2) an additional 5 percent of the deficiency for each month (or fraction thereof) during which the failure continues.

(b) Foreign tax redetermination defined

For purposes of this section, the term “foreign tax redetermination” means any redetermination for which a notice is required under subsection (c) of section 905 or paragraph (2) of section 404A(g).

(Added Pub. L. 96-603, §2(c)(2), Dec. 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 3509.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 6689, added Pub. L. 93-17, §3(d)(2), Apr. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 16, related to failure by certain foreign

issuers and obligors to comply with United States investment equalization tax requirements, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1904(b)(10)(E)(i), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1817.

EFFECTIVE DATE

For applicability of section with respect to employer contributions or accruals for taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1979, election to apply amendments retroactively with respect to foreign subsidiaries, allowance of prior deductions in case of certain funded branch plans, and time and manner for making elections, see section 2(e) of Pub. L. 96-603, set out as a note under section 404A of this title.

§ 6690. Fraudulent statement or failure to furnish statement to plan participant

Any person required under section 6057(e) to furnish a statement to a participant who willfully furnishes a false or fraudulent statement, or who willfully fails to furnish a statement in the manner, at the time, and showing the information required under section 6057(e), or regulations prescribed thereunder, shall for each such act, or for each such failure, be subject to a penalty under this subchapter of \$50, which shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as the tax on employers imposed by section 3111.

(Added Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §1031(b)(2)(A), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 946.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Sept. 2, 1974, see section 1034 of Pub. L. 93-406, set out as a note under section 6057 of this title.

[§ 6691. Reserved]

§ 6692. Failure to file actuarial report

The plan administrator (as defined in section 414(g)) of each defined benefit plan to which section 412 applies who fails to file the report required by section 6059 at the time and in the manner required by section 6059, shall pay a penalty of \$1,000 for each such failure unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause.

(Added Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §1033(b), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 948.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Sept. 2, 1974, see section 1034 of Pub. L. 93-406, set out as a note under section 6057 of this title.

§ 6693. Failure to provide reports on certain tax-favored accounts or annuities; penalties relating to designated nondeductible contributions

(a) Reports

(1) In general

If a person required to file a report under a provision referred to in paragraph (2) fails to file such report at the time and in the manner required by such provision, such person shall pay a penalty of \$50 for each failure unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause.

(2) Provisions

The provisions referred to in this paragraph are—

(A) subsections (i) and (l) of section 408 (relating to individual retirement plans),

(B) section 220(h) (relating to Archer MSAs),

(C) section 223(h) (relating to health savings accounts),

(D) section 529(d) (relating to qualified tuition programs), and

(E) section 530(h) (relating to Coverdell education savings accounts).

This subsection shall not apply to any report which is an information return described in section 6724(d)(1)(C)(i) or a payee statement described in section 6724(d)(2)(X).

(b) Penalties relating to nondeductible contributions

(1) Overstatement of designated nondeductible contributions

Any individual who—

(A) is required to furnish information under section 408(o)(4) as to the amount of designated nondeductible contributions made for any taxable year, and

(B) overstates the amount of such contributions made for such taxable year,

shall pay a penalty of \$100 for each such overstatement unless it is shown that such overstatement is due to reasonable cause.

(2) Failure to file form

Any individual who fails to file a form required to be filed by the Secretary under section 408(o)(4) shall pay a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause.

(c) Penalties relating to simple retirement accounts

(1) Employer penalties

An employer who fails to provide 1 or more notices required by section 408(l)(2)(C) shall pay a penalty of \$50 for each day on which such failures continue.

(2) Trustee and issuer penalties

A trustee or issuer who fails—

(A) to provide 1 or more statements required by the last sentence of section 408(i) shall pay a penalty of \$50 for each day on which such failures continue, or

(B) to provide 1 or more summary descriptions required by section 408(l)(2)(B) shall pay a penalty of \$50 for each day on which such failures continue.

(3) Reasonable cause exception

No penalty shall be imposed under this subsection with respect to any failure which the taxpayer shows was due to reasonable cause.

(d) Deficiency procedures not to apply

Subchapter B of chapter 63 (relating to deficiency procedures for income, estate, gift, and certain excise taxes) does not apply to the assessment or collection of any penalty imposed by this section.

(Added Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §2002(f), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 967; amended Pub. L. 96-222, title I, §101(a)(10)(H), Apr. 1, 1980, 94 Stat. 203; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §147(b), July 18, 1984, 98

Stat. 687; Pub. L. 99-514, title XI, §1102(d)(1), (2)(A), (B), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2416; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §1011(b)(4)(A), (B)(i), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3456, 3457; Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §§1421(b)(4)(B), 1455(d)(3), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1796, 1818; Pub. L. 104-191, title III, §301(g), Aug. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2052; Pub. L. 105-34, title II, §§211(e)(2)(B), (C), 213(c), title XVI, §§1601(d)(1)(C)(ii), 1602(a)(4), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 812, 816, 1087, 1094; Pub. L. 105-277, div. J, title IV, §4006(c)(4), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-913; Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title II, §202(b)(2)(E)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-629; Pub. L. 107-16, title IV, §402(a)(4)(A), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 60; Pub. L. 107-22, §1(b)(2)(C), July 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 197; Pub. L. 108-173, title XII, §1201(g), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2479.)

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a)(2)(C) to (E). Pub. L. 108-173 added subpar. (C) and redesignated former subpars. (C) and (D) as (D) and (E), respectively.

2001—Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 107-16 substituted “qualified tuition” for “qualified State tuition”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(D). Pub. L. 107-22 substituted “Coverdell education savings” for “education individual retirement”.

2000—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 106-554 substituted “Archer MSAs” for “medical savings accounts”.

1998—Subsec. (a)(2)(C), (D). Pub. L. 105-277 substituted “section” for “Section”.

1997—Pub. L. 105-34, §211(e)(2)(C), substituted “certain tax-favored” for “individual retirement” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-34, §1602(a)(4), inserted concluding provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 105-34, §211(e)(2)(B), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (a)(2)(D). Pub. L. 105-34, §213(c), added subpar. (D).

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105-34, §1601(d)(1)(C)(ii), inserted “and issuer” before “penalties” in heading and “or issuer” before “who fails” in introductory provisions.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-191 inserted heading and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The person required by subsection (i) or (l) of section 408 to file a report regarding an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity at the time and in the manner required by such subsection shall pay a penalty of \$50 for each failure unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause. This subsection shall not apply to any report which is an information return described in section 6724(d)(1)(C)(i) or a payee statement described in section 6724(d)(2)(W).”

Pub. L. 104-188, §1455(d)(3), inserted at end “This subsection shall not apply to any report which is an information return described in section 6724(d)(1)(C)(i) or a payee statement described in section 6724(d)(2)(W).”

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 104-188, §1421(b)(4)(B), added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d).

1988—Pub. L. 100-647, §1011(b)(4)(B)(i), substituted “penalties relating to” for “overstatement of” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-647, §1011(b)(4)(A), substituted “Penalties relating to” for “Overstatement of designated” in heading and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Any individual who—

“(1) is required to furnish information under section 408(o)(4) as to the amount of designated nondeductible contributions made for any taxable year, and

“(2) overstates the amount of such contributions made for such taxable year,

shall pay a penalty of \$100 for each such overstatement unless it is shown that such overstatement is due to reasonable cause.”

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, §1102(d)(2)(B), inserted “; overstatement of designated nondeductible contributions” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-514, §1102(d)(1), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-514, §1102(d)(1), (2)(A), redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c) and substituted “this section” for “subsection (a)”.

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-369 substituted “\$50” for “\$10”.

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-222 substituted “subsection (i) or (l) of section 408 to file” for “section 408(i) to file”, and “such subsection shall pay” for “section 408(i) shall pay”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-173 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2003, see section 1201(k) of Pub. L. 108-173, set out as a note under section 62 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-22 effective July 26, 2001, see section 1(c) of Pub. L. 107-22, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2001 Amendment note under section 26 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-16 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2001, see section 402(h) of Pub. L. 107-16, set out as a note under section 72 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 211(e)(2)(B), (C) of Pub. L. 105-34 effective Jan. 1, 1998, see section 211(f) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 529 of this title.

Amendment by section 213(c) of Pub. L. 105-34 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1997, see section 213(f) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 26 of this title.

Amendment by section 1601(d)(1)(C)(ii) of Pub. L. 105-34 effective as if included in the provisions of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-188, to which it relates, see section 1601(j) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 23 of this title.

Amendment by section 1602(a)(4) of Pub. L. 105-34 effective as if included in the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-191, to which such amendment relates, see section 1602(i) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 26 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-191 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1996, see section 301(j) of Pub. L. 104-191, set out as a note under section 62 of this title.

Amendment by section 1421(b)(4)(B) of Pub. L. 104-188 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1996, see section 1421(e) of Pub. L. 104-188, set out as a note under section 72 of this title.

Amendment by section 1455(d)(3) of Pub. L. 104-188 applicable to returns, reports, and other statements the due date for which (determined without regard to extensions) is after Dec. 31, 1996, see section 1455(e) of Pub. L. 104-188, set out as a note under section 408 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 applicable to contributions and distributions for taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, see section 1102(g) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 219 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 applicable to failures occurring after July 18, 1984, see section 147(d)(2) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 219 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Section 101(b)(1)(F) of Pub. L. 96-222 provided that: “The amendment made by subparagraph (I) of subsection (a)(10) [probably means subpar. (H) of subsec. (a)(10), which amended this section] shall apply with respect to failures occurring [sic] after the date of the enactment of this Act [Apr. 1, 1980].”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1975, see section 2002(i)(2) of Pub. L. 93-406, set out as a note under section 4973 of this title.

PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1998

For provisions directing that if any amendments made by subtitle D [§§1401-1465] of title I of Pub. L. 104-188 require an amendment to any plan or annuity contract, such amendment shall not be required to be made before the first day of the first plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1998, see section 1465 of Pub. L. 104-188, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1989

For provisions directing that if any amendments made by subtitle A or subtitle C of title XI [§§1101-1147 and 1171-1177] or title XVIII [§§1800-1899A] of Pub. L. 99-514 require an amendment to any plan, such plan amendment shall not be required to be made before the first plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1989, see section 1140 of Pub. L. 99-514, as amended, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

§ 6694. Understatement of taxpayer's liability by tax return preparer

(a) Understatement due to unreasonable positions

(1) In general

If a tax return preparer—

(A) prepares any return or claim of refund with respect to which any part of an understatement of liability is due to a position described in paragraph (2), and

(B) knew (or reasonably should have known) of the position,

such tax return preparer shall pay a penalty with respect to each such return or claim in an amount equal to the greater of \$1,000 or 50 percent of the income derived (or to be derived) by the tax return preparer with respect to the return or claim.

(2) Unreasonable position

(A) In general

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a position is described in this paragraph unless there is or was substantial authority for the position.

(B) Disclosed positions

If the position was disclosed as provided in section 6662(d)(2)(B)(ii)(I) and is not a position to which subparagraph (C) applies, the position is described in this paragraph unless there is a reasonable basis for the position.