

1971—Pub. L. 91-680, §1(c), Jan. 12, 1971, 84 Stat. 2064, inserted “and almond” after “citrus” in item 278.

1969—Pub. L. 91-172, title I, §121(b)(3)(B), title II, §§213(c)(2), 216(b), title IV, §411(b), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 541, 572, 574, 608, struck out item 270 “Limitation on deductions allowable to individuals in certain cases”, and added items 277 to 279.

1966—Pub. L. 89-368, title III, §301(b), Mar. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 67, added item 276.

1964—Pub. L. 88-272, title II, §§207(b)(3)(B), 227(b)(4), Feb. 26, 1964, 78 Stat. 42, 98, inserted “or domestic iron ore” in item 272, and added item 275.

1962—Pub. L. 87-834, §4(a)(2), Oct. 16, 1962, 76 Stat. 976, added item 274.

### § 261. General rule for disallowance of deductions

In computing taxable income no deduction shall in any case be allowed in respect of the items specified in this part.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 76.)

### § 262. Personal, living, and family expenses

#### (a) General rule

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, no deduction shall be allowed for personal, living, or family expenses.

#### (b) Treatment of certain phone expenses

For purposes of subsection (a), in the case of an individual, any charge (including taxes thereon) for basic local telephone service with respect to the 1st telephone line provided to any residence of the taxpayer shall be treated as a personal expense.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 76; Pub. L. 100-647, title V, §5073(a), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3682.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-647 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, no deduction shall be allowed for personal, living, or family expenses.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-647, title V, §5073(b), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3682, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1988.”

### § 263. Capital expenditures

#### (a) General rule

No deduction shall be allowed for—

(1) Any amount paid out for new buildings or for permanent improvements or betterments made to increase the value of any property or estate. This paragraph shall not apply to—

(A) expenditures for the development of mines or deposits deductible under section 616,

(B) research and experimental expenditures deductible under section 174,

(C) soil and water conservation expenditures deductible under section 175,

(D) expenditures by farmers for fertilizer, etc., deductible under section 180,

(E) expenditures for removal of architectural and transportation barriers to the handicapped and elderly which the taxpayer elects to deduct under section 190,

(F) expenditures for tertiary injectants with respect to which a deduction is allowed under section 193;<sup>1</sup>

(G) expenditures for which a deduction is allowed under section 179;<sup>1</sup>

[(H) Repealed. Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §221(a)(34)(D), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4042.]

(I) expenditures for which a deduction is allowed under section 179B,

(J) expenditures for which a deduction is allowed under section 179C,

(K) expenditures for which a deduction is allowed under section 179D, or

(L) expenditures for which a deduction is allowed under section 179E.

(2) Any amount expended in restoring property or in making good the exhaustion thereof for which an allowance is or has been made.

[(b) Repealed. Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11801(a)(16), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-520]

#### (c) Intangible drilling and development costs in the case of oil and gas wells and geothermal wells

Notwithstanding subsection (a), and except as provided in subsection (i), regulations shall be prescribed by the Secretary under this subtitle corresponding to the regulations which granted the option to deduct as expenses intangible drilling and development costs in the case of oil and gas wells and which were recognized and approved by the Congress in House Concurrent Resolution 50, Seventy-ninth Congress. Such regulations shall also grant the option to deduct as expenses intangible drilling and development costs in the case of wells drilled for any geothermal deposit (as defined in section 613(e)(2)) to the same extent and in the same manner as such expenses are deductible in the case of oil and gas wells. This subsection shall not apply with respect to any costs to which any deduction is allowed under section 59(e) or 291.

#### (d) Expenditures in connection with certain railroad rolling stock

In the case of expenditures in connection with the rehabilitation of a unit of railroad rolling stock (except a locomotive) used by a domestic common carrier by railroad which would, but for this subsection, be properly chargeable to capital account, such expenditures, if during any 12-month period they do not exceed an amount equal to 20 percent of the basis of such unit in the hands of the taxpayer, shall, at the election of the taxpayer, be treated (notwithstanding subsection (a)) as deductible repairs under section 162 or 212. An election under this subsection shall be made for any taxable year at such time and in such manner as the Secretary prescribes by regulations. An election may not be made under this subsection for any taxable year to which an election under subsection (e) applies to railroad rolling stock (other than locomotives).

[(e) Repealed. Pub. L. 97-34, title II, §201(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 219]

#### (f) Railroad ties

In the case of a domestic common carrier by rail (including a railroad switching or terminal

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The semicolon probably should be a comma.