#### § 3202. Deduction of tax from compensation

#### (a) Requirement

The taxes imposed by section 3201 shall be collected by the employer of the taxpayer by deducting the amount of the taxes from the compensation of the employee as and when paid. An employer who is furnished by an employee a written statement of tips (received in a calendar month) pursuant to section 6053(a) to which paragraph (3) of section 3231(e) is applicable may deduct an amount equivalent to such taxes with respect to such tips from any compensation of the employee (exclusive of tips) under his control, even though at the time such statement is furnished the total amount of the tips included in statements furnished to the employer as having been received by the employee in such calendar month in the course of his employment by such employer is less than \$20.

#### (b) Indemnification of employer

Every employer required under subsection (a) to deduct the tax shall be liable for the payment of such tax and shall not be liable to any person for the amount of any such payment.

## (c) Special rule for tips

- (1) In the case of tips which constitute compensation, subsection (a) shall be applicable only to such tips as are included in a written statement furnished to the employer pursuant to section 6053(a), and only to the extent that collection can be made by the employer, at or after the time such statement is so furnished and before the close of the 10th day following the calendar month (or, if paragraph (3) applies, the 30th day following the quarter) in which the tips were deemed paid, by deducting the amount of the tax from such compensation of the employee (excluding tips, but including funds turned over by the employee to the employer pursuant to paragraph (2)) as are under control of the employer.
- (2) If the taxes imposed by section 3201, with respect to tips which are included in written statements furnished in any month to the employer pursuant to section 6053(a), exceed the compensation of the employee (excluding tips) from which the employer is required to collect the taxes under paragraph (1), the employee may furnish to the employer on or before the 10th day of the following month (or, if paragraph (3) applies, on or before the 30th day of the following quarter) an amount of money equal to the amount of the excess.
- (3) The Secretary may, under regulations prescribed by him, authorize employers—
  - (A) to estimate the amount of tips that will be reported by the employee pursuant to section 6053(a) in any quarter of the calendar year,
  - (B) to determine the amount to be deducted upon each payment of compensation (exclusive of tips) during such quarter as if the tips so estimated constituted actual tips so reported, and
  - (C) to deduct upon any payment of compensation (other than tips, but including funds turned over by the employee to the employer pursuant to paragraph (2)) to such employee during such quarter (and within 30 days there-

after) such amount as may be necessary to adjust the amount actually deducted upon such compensation of the employee during the quarter to the amount required to be deducted in respect of tips included in written statements furnished to the employer during the quarter.

(4) If the taxes imposed by section 3201 with respect to tips which constitute compensation exceed the portion of such taxes which can be collected by the employer from the compensation of the employee pursuant to paragraph (1) or paragraph (3), such excess shall be paid by the employee.

# (d) Special rule for certain taxable group-term life insurance benefits

#### (1) In general

In the case of any payment for group-term life insurance to which this subsection applies—

- (A) subsection (a) shall not apply,
- (B) the employer shall separately include on the statement required under section 6051—
  - (i) the portion of the compensation which consists of payments for group-term life insurance to which this subsection applies, and
  - (ii) the amount of the tax imposed by section 3201 on such payments, and
- (C) the tax imposed by section 3201 on such payments shall be paid by the employee.

# (2) Benefits to which subsection applies

This subsection shall apply to any payment for group-term life insurance to the extent—

- (A) such payment constitutes compensation, and
- (B) such payment is for coverage for periods during which an employment relationship no longer exists between the employee and the employer.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 431; Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1164, pt. II, §206(a), 68 Stat. 1040; Pub. L. 86–28, pt. II, §201(b), May 19, 1959, 73 Stat. 29; Pub. L. 88–133, title II, §202, Oct. 5, 1963,77 Stat. 221; Pub. L. 89–212, §§2(a), 4, Sept. 29, 1965, 79 Stat. 858, 861; Pub. L. 89–700, title III, §301(iii), (v), Oct. 30, 1966, 80 Stat. 1088; Pub. L. 93–69, title I, §102(b), July 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 162; Pub. L. 94–455, title XIX, §§1903(a)(7), 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1807, 1834; Pub. L. 98–76, title II, §225(a)(2), (c)(1)(A), (B), (2)–(5), Aug. 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 425; Pub. L. 101–508, title V, §5124(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388–285.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101–508 added subsec. (d). 1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98–76, §225(a)(2), (c)(1)(A), (2), substituted "taxes imposed by section 3201" for "tax imposed by section 3201", substituted "the amount of the taxes" for "the amount of the tax", and "such taxes" for "such tax", and struck out provisions that if an employee was paid compensation by more than one employer for services rendered during any calendar month and the aggregate of such compensation was in excess of an amount equal to one-twelfth of the current maximum annual taxable "wages" as defined in section 3121 for any month, the tax to be deducted by each employer other than a subordinate unit of a na-

tional railway-labor-organization employer from the compensation paid by him to the employee with respect to such month would be that proportion of the tax with respect to such compensation paid by all such employers which the compensation paid by him to the employee for services rendered during such month bears to the total compensation paid by all such employers to such employee for services rendered during such month; and that in the event that the compensation so paid by such employers to the employee for services rendered during such month was less than an amount equal to one-twelfth of the current maximum annual taxable "wages" as defined in section 3121 for any month, each subordinate unit of a national railway-labor-organization employer would deduct such proportion of any additional tax as the compensation paid by such employer to such employee for services rendered during such month bears to the total compensation paid by all such employers to such employee for services rendered during such month.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 98-76, §225(c)(1)(B), (3), (5), substituted "taxes imposed by section 3201" for "tax imposed by section 3201", "the taxes under paragraph (1)" for "the tax under paragraph (1)", and "exceed" for "exceeds"

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 98-76, \$225(c)(1)(B), (4), (5), substituted "taxes imposed by section 3201" for "tax imposed by section 3201", "such taxes" for "such tax", and "exceed" for "exceeds"

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94–455, §1903(a)(7)(A), struck out provisions relating to the September 30, 1973, qualification on the applicability of provisions of this subsection and "of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954" before "for any month" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455, §1903(a)(7)(B), struck out

"made" after "to deduct the tax shall be".
Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary".

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-69, in second sentence reading "If an employee. . .", substituted "1973" for "1965" wherever appearing, struck out "(i) \$450, or (ii)" before "an amount equal to" in two places, and struck out ", whichever is greater," after "Internal Revenue

Code of 1954" in two places. 1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89–700 substituted "after September 30, 1965" for "after the month in which this provision was amended in 1959" in six places, and "(i) \$450, or (ii) an amount equal to one-twelfth of the current maximum annual taxable 'wages' as defined in section 3121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, whichever is greater, for any month after September 30, 1965" for "\$400 for any calendar month before the calendar month next following the month in which this provision was amended in 1963, or \$450 for any calendar month after the month in which this provision was so amended and before the calendar month next following the calendar month in which this provision was amended in 1965, or (i) \$450, or (ii) an amount equal to onetwelfth of the current maximum annual taxable 'wages' as defined in section 3121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, whichever is greater, for any month after the month in which this provision was so amended" in two

places. 1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-212, §\$2(a)(1), 4, inserted sentence permitting an employer who is furnished by an employee a written statement of tips pursuant to section 6053(a) to which par. (3) of section 3231(e) is applicable to deduct an amount equivalent to such tax with respect to such tips from any compensation of the employee under his control, even though at the time such statement is furnished the total amount of the tips included in statements furnished to the employer as having been received by the employee in such calendar month in the course of his employment by such employer is less than \$20, and inserted "and before the calendar month next following the calendar month in which this provision was amended in 1965, or (i) \$450, or (ii) an amount equal to one-twelfth of the current maximum annual taxable 'wages' as defined in section 3121, whichever is greater, for any month after the month in which this provision was so amended" in two places.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89-212, §2(a)(2), added subsec. (c). 1963—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 88-133 limited existing taxable compensation base of \$400 to any calendar month before Nov. 1963 and increased such base to \$450 for any calendar month after Oct. 1963.

1959—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-28 substituted "after the month in which this provision was amended in 1959" for "after 1954" and for "after December 31, 1954" in five places, and "\$400" for "\$350" in two places.

1954—Subsec. (a). Act Aug. 31, 1954, substituted "\$350" for "\$300" wherever appearing.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 applicable to coverage provided after Dec. 31, 1990, see section 5124(c) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 3102 of this

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-76 applicable to remuneration paid after Dec. 31, 1984, see section 227(a) of Pub. L. 98-76, set out as a note under section 3201 of this

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1903(a)(7) of Pub. L. 94-455 applicable with respect to compensation paid for services rendered after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1903(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-69 effective Oct. 1, 1973, and applicable only with respect to compensation paid for services rendered on or after Oct. 1, 1973; and applicable to railway labor organization covered by a private supplemental pension plan as of Oct. 1, 1973, and subject to a moratorium agreed to on or before Mar. 8, 1973, for changes in pay rates, on the earlier of (1) date of expiration of such moratorium, or (2) date as of which the railway labor organization through collective bargaining agreement makes amendment applicable, see section 109(b) of Pub. L. 93-69, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

# EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 2(a) of Pub. L. 89-212 effective only with respect to tips received after 1965, and amendment by section 4 of Pub. L. 89-212 effective only with respect to calendar months after the month in which Pub. L. 89-212 is enacted, see section 6 of Pub. L. 89-212, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1959 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 86-28 effective, except as otherwise provided, first day of calendar month next following May 1959, see section 202 of Pub. L. 86-28, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1954 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Aug. 31, 1954, effective as if enacted as a part of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954], see section 407 of act Aug. 31, 1954, as amended, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

## Subchapter B—Tax on Employee Representatives

3211.Rate of tax.

3212. Determination of compensation.

# § 3211. Rate of tax

# (a) Tier 1 tax

In addition to other taxes, there is hereby imposed on the income of each employee represent-