riod beginning on July 1, 1986, and ending on December 31, 1986, shall be 2 percent.

"(2) SUBSEQUENT TAXABLE PERIODS.—The applicable percentage for any taxable period beginning after 1986 shall be the sum of—

"(A) 2 percent, plus

 $\rm ^{\prime\prime}(B)$  0.3 percent for each preceding taxable period. In no event shall the applicable percentage exceed 5 percent."

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1018(u)(17) of 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

tion 1 of this title. Pub. L. 100-647, title VII, §7106(d), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3774, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 3322, 6157, 6201, 6317, 6513, and 6601 of this title, omitting section 3323 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 231n of Title 45, Railroads], and the provisions of subsection (b) [set out below], shall apply to remuneration paid after December 31, 1988."

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98–76, title II, §231(d), Aug. 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 429, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [enacting this chapter and amending sections 6157, 6201, 6317, 6513, and 6601 of this title] shall apply to remuneration paid after June 30, 1986."

### CONTINUATION OF SURTAX RATE THROUGH 1990

Pub. L. 100–647, title VII,  $7106(b),\ Nov.\ 10,\ 1988,\ 102$  Stat. 3773, provided that:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any calendar month beginning before January 1, 1991—

"(A) there shall be substituted for '4 percent' in subsections (a) and (b) of section 3321 of the 1986 Code the percentage equal to the sum of—

"(i) 4 percent, plus

"(ii) the surtax rate (if any) for such calendar month, and

"(B) subsection (c) of such section shall not apply to so much of the tax imposed by such section as is attributable to the surtax rate.

``(2) SURTAX RATE.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the surtax rate shall be—

"(A) 3.5 percent for each month during a calendar year if, as of September 30, of the preceding calendar year, there was a balance of transfers (or unpaid interest thereon) made after September 30, 1985, to the railroad unemployment insurance account under section 10(d) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act [45 U.S.C. 360(d)], and

"(B) zero for any other calendar month."

### § 3322. Definitions

# (a) Rail employer

For purposes of this chapter, the term "rail employer" means any person who is an employer as defined in section 1 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

# (b) Rail wages

For purposes of this chapter, the term "rail wages" means, with respect to any calendar month, so much of the remuneration paid during such month which is subject to contributions under section 8(a) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

# (c) Employee representative

For purposes of this chapter, the term "employee representative" has the meaning given such term by section 1 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

# (d) Certain rules made applicable

For purposes of this chapter, rules similar to the rules of section 3307 and 3308 shall apply.

(Added Pub. L. 98–76, title II, §231(a), Aug. 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 427; amended Pub. L. 99–272, title XIII, §13301(d), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 327; Pub. L. 100–647, title VII, §7106(a), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3773.)

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (c), is classified to section 351 of Title 45, Railroads.

Section 8(a) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is classified to section 358(a) of Title 45.

#### AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-647 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for former provisions relating to taxable period, which had provided, in subsec. (a), for a general rule and, in subsec. (b), for earlier termination if loans to rail unemployment fund repaid.

1986—Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 99-272, §13301(d)(1), struck out "and before 1990, and" after "1986" in par. (2) and struck out par. (3) relating to the period beginning on Jan. 1, 1990, and ending on Sept. 30, 1990.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-272, \$13301(d)(2), substituted "The basic rate under section 3321(c)(1)(A) of the tax imposed by section 3321 shall not apply" for "The tax imposed by this chapter shall not apply" in introductory provision, and inserted "made before October 1, 1985," in par. (1).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 applicable to remuneration paid after Dec. 31, 1988, see section 7106(d) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 3321 of this title.

EXCLUSION FROM WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF RE-FUNDS REQUIRED FROM EMPLOYERS TO COMPENSATE FOR DUPLICATION OF MEDICARE BENEFITS BY HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY EMPLOYERS

For purposes of this chapter, the term "rail wages" shall not include the amount of any refund required under section 421 of Pub. L. 100–360, 42 U.S.C. 1395b note, see section 10202 of Pub. L. 101–239, set out as a note under section 1395b of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

# [§ 3323. Omitted]

Section, added Pub. L. 98–76, title II, §231(a), Aug. 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 427; amended Pub. L. 99–272, title XIII, §13301(b), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 326, contained definitions, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 100–647, §7106(a). See section 3322 of this title

## CHAPTER 24—COLLECTION OF INCOME TAX AT SOURCE ON WAGES

Sec. 3401. Definitions.

3402. Income tax collected at source.

3403. Liability for tax.

3404. Return and payment by governmental employer.
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3406. Backup withholding.

[3451 to 3456. Repealed.]

## AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 98–67, title I, \$102(a), 104(d)(4), Aug. 5, 1983, 97 Stat. 369, 380, added item 3406 and repealed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Editorially supplied. Section 3405 added by Pub. L. 97-248 without corresponding amendment of analysis.