

98-369, div. A, title III, §305(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 783; amended Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10712(b)(3), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-467; Pub. L. 104-168, title XIII, §1311(c)(2), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1478; Pub. L. 109-280, title XII, §1231(b)(1), Aug. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 1098.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsecs. (a), (c). Pub. L. 109-280, which directed the insertion of “4966, 4967,” after “4958,” in subsecs. (a) and (c) of section 4963, without specifying the act to be amended, was executed by making the insertion in subsecs. (a) and (c) of this section, which is section 4963 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1996—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 104-168 inserted “4958,” after “4955.”

1987—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 100-203 inserted reference to section 4955 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-280, title XII, §1231(c), Aug. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 1098, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting subchapter G of this chapter and amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 17, 2006].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-168 applicable to excess benefit transactions occurring on or after Sept. 14, 1995, and not applicable to any benefit arising from a transaction pursuant to any written contract which was binding on Sept. 13, 1995, and at all times thereafter before such transaction occurred, see section 1311(d)(1), (2) of Pub. L. 104-168, set out as a note under section 4955 of this title.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date of section with respect to any first tier tax and to any second tier tax, see section 2(d) of Pub. L. 96-596, set out as a note under section 4961 of this title.

**Subchapter F—Tax Shelter Transactions**

Sec.  
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**(a) Being a party to and approval of prohibited transactions**

**(1) Tax-exempt entity**

**(A) In general**

If a transaction is a prohibited tax shelter transaction at the time any tax-exempt entity described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (c) becomes a party to the transaction, such entity shall pay a tax for the taxable year in which the entity becomes such a party and any subsequent taxable year in the amount determined under subsection (b)(1).

**(B) Post-transaction determination**

If any tax-exempt entity described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (c) is a

party to a subsequently listed transaction at any time during a taxable year, such entity shall pay a tax for such taxable year in the amount determined under subsection (b)(1).

**(2) Entity manager**

If any entity manager of a tax-exempt entity approves such entity as (or otherwise causes such entity to be) a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the taxable year and knows or has reason to know that the transaction is a prohibited tax shelter transaction, such manager shall pay a tax for such taxable year in the amount determined under subsection (b)(2).

**(b) Amount of tax**

**(1) Entity**

In the case of a tax-exempt entity—

**(A) In general**

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the amount of the tax imposed under subsection (a)(1) with respect to any transaction for a taxable year shall be an amount equal to the product of the highest rate of tax under section 11, and the greater of—

(i) the entity’s net income (after taking into account any tax imposed by this subtitle (other than by this section) with respect to such transaction) for such taxable year which—

(I) in the case of a prohibited tax shelter transaction (other than a subsequently listed transaction), is attributable to such transaction, or

(II) in the case of a subsequently listed transaction, is attributable to such transaction and which is properly allocable to the period beginning on the later of the date such transaction is identified by guidance as a listed transaction by the Secretary or the first day of the taxable year, or

(ii) 75 percent of the proceeds received by the entity for the taxable year which—

(I) in the case of a prohibited tax shelter transaction (other than a subsequently listed transaction), are attributable to such transaction, or

(II) in the case of a subsequently listed transaction, are attributable to such transaction and which are properly allocable to the period beginning on the later of the date such transaction is identified by guidance as a listed transaction by the Secretary or the first day of the taxable year.

**(B) Increase in tax for certain knowing transactions**

In the case of a tax-exempt entity which knew, or had reason to know, a transaction was a prohibited tax shelter transaction at the time the entity became a party to the transaction, the amount of the tax imposed under subsection (a)(1)(A) with respect to any transaction for a taxable year shall be the greater of—

(i) 100 percent of the entity’s net income (after taking into account any tax imposed by this subtitle (other than by this sec-