

“(b) SIMPLIFIED ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENT FOR PLANS WITH FEWER THAN 25 PARTICIPANTS.—In the case of plan years beginning after December 31, 2006, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor shall provide for the filing of a simplified annual return for any retirement plan which covers less than 25 participants on the first day of a plan year and which meets the requirements described in subparagraphs (B), (D), and (E) of subsection (a)(2).”

### § 6059. Periodic report of actuary

#### (a) General rule

The actuarial report described in subsection (b) shall be filed by the plan administrator (as defined in section 414(g) of each defined benefit plan to which section 412 applies, for the first plan year for which section 412 applies to the plan and for each third plan year thereafter (or more frequently if the Secretary determines that more frequent reports are necessary).

#### (b) Actuarial report

The actuarial report of a plan required by subsection (a) shall be prepared and signed by an enrolled actuary (within the meaning of section 7701(a)(35)) and shall contain—

(1) a description of the funding method and actuarial assumptions used to determine costs under the plan,

(2) a certification of the contribution necessary to reduce the minimum required contribution determined under section 430, the accumulated funding deficiency under section 433, or the accumulated funding deficiency determined under section 431, to zero,

(3) a statement—

(A) that to the best of his knowledge the report is complete and accurate, and

(B) the<sup>1</sup> requirements for reasonable actuarial assumptions under section 430(h)(1), 431(c)(3), or 433(c)(3), whichever are applicable, have been complied with.<sup>2</sup>

(4) such other information as may be necessary to fully and fairly disclose the actuarial position of the plan, and

(5) such other information regarding the plan as the Secretary may by regulations require.

#### (c) Time and manner of filing

The actuarial report and statement required by this section shall be filed at the time and in the manner provided by regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

#### (d) Cross reference

**For coordination between the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Labor with respect to the report required to be filed under this section, see section 3004 of title III of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.**

(Added Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §1033(a), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 947; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 109-280, title I, §114(f), Aug. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 855; Pub. L. 113-97, title II, §202(c)(10), Apr. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1138.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3004 of title III of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, referred to in subsec. (d), is classified to section 1204 of Title 29, Labor.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be preceded by “that”.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. The period probably should be a comma.

#### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 113-97, §202(c)(10)(A), substituted “430, the accumulated funding deficiency under section 433,” for “430.”

Subsec. (b)(3)(B). Pub. L. 113-97, §202(c)(10)(B), substituted “430(h)(1), 431(c)(3), or 433(c)(3)” for “430(h)(1) or 431(c)(3)”.

2006—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 109-280, §114(f)(1), substituted “the minimum required contribution determined under section 430, or the accumulated funding deficiency determined under section 431,” for “the accumulated funding deficiency (as defined in section 412(a))”.

Subsec. (b)(3)(B). Pub. L. 109-280, §114(f)(2), added subpar. (B) and struck out former subpar. (B) which read as follows: “the requirements of section 412(c) (relating to reasonable actuarial assumptions) have been complied with.”

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

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-97 applicable to years beginning after Dec. 31, 2013, see section 3 of Pub. L. 113-97, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-280 applicable to plan years beginning after 2007, see section 114(g)(1) of Pub. L. 109-280, as added by Pub. L. 110-458, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Requirements of section applicable only with respect to plan years to which part I of subtitle A of title II of Pub. L. 93-406 applies, see section 1034(1) of Pub. L. 93-406, set out as a note under section 6057 of this title. For a description of the plan years to which part 1 applies, see section 1017 of Pub. L. 93-406, set out as an Effective Date; Transitional Rules note under section 410 of this title.

#### APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENTS BY SUBTITLES A AND B OF TITLE I OF PUB. L. 109-280

For special rules on applicability of amendments by subtitles A (§§101-108) and B (§§111-116) of title I of Pub. L. 109-280 to certain eligible cooperative plans, PBGC settlement plans, and eligible government contractor plans, see sections 104, 105, and 106 of Pub. L. 109-280, set out as notes under section 401 of this title.

#### CONSOLIDATION OF ACTUARIAL REPORTS

Pub. L. 93-406, title X, §1033(c), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 948, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor shall take such steps as may be necessary to assure coordination to the maximum extent feasible between the actuarial reports required by section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and by section 103(d) of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 [section 1023(d) of Title 29, Labor].”

#### SUBPART F—INFORMATION CONCERNING TAX RETURN PREPARERS

Sec. 6060. Information returns of tax return preparers.

#### AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 110-28, title VIII, §8246(a)(2)(A)(iii), (iv), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 201, substituted “Tax Return Preparers” for “Income Tax Return Preparers” in subpart heading and “tax return preparers” for “income tax return preparers” in item 6060.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1203(e), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1691, added subpart heading and analysis for subpart F.

**§ 6060. Information returns of tax return preparers****(a) General rule**

Any person who employs a tax return preparer to prepare any return or claim for refund other than for such person at any time during a return period shall make a return setting forth the name, taxpayer identification number, and place of work of each tax return preparer employed by him at any time during such period. For purposes of this section, any individual who is acting as a tax return preparer is not the employee of another tax return preparer shall be treated as his own employer. The return required by this section shall be filed, in such manner as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe, on or before the first July 31 following the end of such return period.

**(b) Alternative reporting**

In lieu of the return required by subsection (a), the Secretary may approve an alternative reporting method if he determines that the necessary information is available to him from other sources.

**(c) Return period defined**

For purposes of subsection (a), the term “return period” means the 12-month period beginning on July 1 of each year.

(Added Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1203(e), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1691; amended Pub. L. 110-28, title VIII, §8246(a)(2)(A)(i), (ii), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 201; Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §221(a)(109), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4053.)

## AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-295, which directed substitution of “year.” for “year” and all that followed, was executed by substituting “year.” for “year, except that the first return period shall be the 6-month period beginning on January 1, 1977, and ending on June 30, 1977.”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2007—Pub. L. 110-28, §8246(a)(2)(A)(i), substituted “tax return preparers” for “income tax return preparers” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-28, §8246(a)(2)(A)(ii), substituted “a tax return preparer” for “an income tax return preparer” in two places, “each tax return preparer” for “each income tax return preparer”, and “another tax return preparer” for “another income tax return preparer”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-295 effective Dec. 19, 2014, subject to a savings provision, see section 221(b) of Pub. L. 113-295, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-28, title VIII, §8246(c), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 203, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 6103, 6107, 6109, 6503, 6694 to 6696, 7407, 7427, and 7701 of this title] shall apply to returns prepared after the date of the enactment of this Act [May 25, 2007].”

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to documents prepared after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1203(j) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 7701 of this title.

## PART IV—SIGNING AND VERIFYING OF RETURNS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

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**§ 6061. Signing of returns and other documents****(a) General rule**

Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) and sections 6062 and 6063, any return, statement, or other document required to be made under any provision of the internal revenue laws or regulations shall be signed in accordance with forms or regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

**(b) Electronic signatures****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall develop procedures for the acceptance of signatures in digital or other electronic form. Until such time as such procedures are in place, the Secretary may—

- (A) waive the requirement of a signature for; or
- (B) provide for alternative methods of signing or subscribing,

a particular type or class of return, declaration, statement, or other document required or permitted to be made or written under internal revenue laws and regulations.

**(2) Treatment of alternative methods**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any return, declaration, statement, or other document filed and verified, signed, or subscribed under any method adopted under paragraph (1)(B) shall be treated for all purposes (both civil and criminal, including penalties for perjury) in the same manner as though signed or subscribed.

**(3) Published guidance**

The Secretary shall publish guidance as appropriate to define and implement any waiver of the signature requirements or any method adopted under paragraph (1).

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 748; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 105-206, title II, §2003(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 724.)

## AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-206 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted subsec. heading, substituted “Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) and” for “Except as otherwise provided by”, and added subsec. (b).

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

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-206, title II, §2003(f), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 725, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 7502 of this title] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [July 22, 1998].”

**§ 6062. Signing of corporation returns**

The return of a corporation with respect to income shall be signed by the president, vice-president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, chief accounting officer or any other officer duly au-