

[formerly I.R.C. 1954] (as amended by subsection (a)), to services performed or property transferred after February 29, 1984, and

“(B) in the case of transfers described in section 707(a)(2)(B) of such Code (as so amended), to property transferred after March 31, 1984.

“(2) **BINDING CONTRACT EXCEPTION.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply to a transfer of property described in section 707(a)(2)(B)(i) if such transfer is pursuant to a binding contract in effect on March 31, 1984, and at all times thereafter before the transfer.

“(3) **EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN TRANSFERS.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply to a transfer of property described in section 707(a)(2)(B)(i) that is made before December 31, 1984, if—

“(A) such transfer was proposed in a written private offering memorandum circulated before February 28, 1984;

“(B) the out-of-pocket costs incurred with respect to such offering exceeded \$250,000 as of February 28, 1984;

“(C) the encumbrances placed on such property in anticipation of such transfer all constitute obligations for which neither the partnership nor any partner is liable; and

“(D) the transferor of such property is the sole general partner of the partnership.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 213(b)(3) of Pub. L. 94-455 applicable in the case of partnership taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1975, see section 213(f)(1) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as an Effective Date note under section 709 of this title.

Amendment by section 1901(b)(3)(C) of Pub. L. 94-455 effective for taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1901(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 2 of this title.

#### PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1989

For provisions directing that if any amendments made by subtitle A or subtitle C of title XI [§§ 1101-1147 and 1171-1177] or title XVIII [§§ 1800-1899A] of Pub. L. 99-514 require an amendment to any plan, such plan amendment shall not be required to be made before the first plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1989, see section 1140 of Pub. L. 99-514, as amended, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

### § 708. Continuation of partnership

#### (a) General rule

For purposes of this subchapter, an existing partnership shall be considered as continuing if it is not terminated.

#### (b) Termination

##### (1) General rule

For purposes of subsection (a), a partnership shall be considered as terminated only if no part of any business, financial operation, or venture of the partnership continues to be carried on by any of its partners in a partnership.

##### (2) Special rules

###### (A) Merger or consolidation

In the case of the merger or consolidation of two or more partnerships, the resulting partnership shall, for purposes of this section, be considered the continuation of any merging or consolidating partnership whose members own an interest of more than 50 percent in the capital and profits of the resulting partnership.

#### (B) Division of a partnership

In the case of a division of a partnership into two or more partnerships, the resulting partnerships (other than any resulting partnership the members of which had an interest of 50 percent or less in the capital and profits of the prior partnership) shall, for purposes of this section, be considered a continuation of the prior partnership.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 244; Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §13504(a), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2141.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115-97 struck out dash after “only if” and subpar. (A) designation before “no part” and struck out subpar. (B) which read as follows: “within a 12-month period there is a sale or exchange of 50 percent or more of the total interest in partnership capital and profits”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-97 applicable to partnership taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2017, see section 13504(c) of Pub. L. 115-97, set out as a note under section 168 of this title.

### § 709. Treatment of organization and syndication fees

#### (a) General rule

Except as provided in subsection (b), no deduction shall be allowed under this chapter to the partnership or to any partner for any amounts paid or incurred to organize a partnership or to promote the sale of (or to sell) an interest in such partnership.

#### (b) Deduction of organization fees

##### (1) Allowance of deduction

If a partnership elects the application of this subsection (in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary) with respect to any organizational expenses—

(A) the partnership shall be allowed a deduction for the taxable year in which the partnership begins business in an amount equal to the lesser of—

- (i) the amount of organizational expenses with respect to the partnership, or
- (ii) \$5,000, reduced (but not below zero) by the amount by which such organizational expenses exceed \$50,000, and

(B) the remainder of such organizational expenses shall be allowed as a deduction ratably over the 180-month period beginning with the month in which the partnership begins business.

##### (2) Dispositions before close of amortization period

In any case in which a partnership is liquidated before the end of the period to which paragraph (1)(B) applies, any deferred expenses attributable to the partnership which were not allowed as a deduction by reason of this section may be deducted to the extent allowable under section 165.

##### (3) Organizational expenses defined

The organizational expenses to which paragraph (1) applies, are expenditures which—