

the case may be) under the insurance laws of at least 26 States. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the effect of nonforfeiture laws of a State on interest rates for reserves shall not be taken into account.

(2) When rate determined

The prevailing State assumed interest rate with respect to any contract shall be determined as of the beginning of the calendar year in which the contract was issued.

(Added Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title II, §211(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 732; amended Pub. L. 99-514, title XVIII, §1821(b), (c), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2838; Pub. L. 108-218, title II, §205(b)(3), Apr. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 610; Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §13517(b)(1), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2147.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of the Tax Reform Act of 1984, referred to in subsec. (f)(4), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, which was approved July 18, 1984.

AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115-97 added subsec. (g).

2004—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-218 reenacted heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as limited by paragraph (2), the deduction for policyholder dividends for any taxable year shall be an amount equal to the policyholder dividends paid or accrued during the taxable year.

“(2) REDUCTION IN CASE OF MUTUAL COMPANIES.—In the case of a mutual life insurance company, the deduction for policyholder dividends for any taxable year shall be reduced by the amount determined under section 809.”

1986—Subsec. (d)(1)(B). Pub. L. 99-514, §1821(b), amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (B) read as follows: “determined at a rate in excess of the prevailing State assumed interest rate for such contract.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 99-514, §1821(c), added subsec. (f).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-97 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2017, with transition rule and transition relief, see section 13517(c) of Pub. L. 115-97, set out as a note under section 807 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-218 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2004, see section 205(c) of Pub. L. 108-218, set out as a note under section 807 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, to which such amendment relates, see section 1881 of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 48 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1983, see section 215 of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 801 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.

[§ 809. Repealed. Pub. L. 108-218, title II, §205(a), Apr. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 610]

Section, added Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title II, §211(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 733; amended Pub. L. 99-514, title XVIII, §1821(d)-(h), (r), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2839, 2840, 2843; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §1018(u)(47), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3593; Pub. L. 107-147, title VI, §611(a), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 61, related to reduction in certain deductions of mutual life insurance companies.

A prior section 809, added Pub. L. 86-69, §2(a), June 25, 1959, 73 Stat. 121; amended Pub. L. 87-59, §2(a), (b), June 27, 1961, 75 Stat. 120; Pub. L. 87-790, §3(a), Oct. 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 808; Pub. L. 87-858, §3(b)(3), (c), Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1137; Pub. L. 88-272, title II, §§214(b)(4), 228(a), Feb. 26, 1964, 78 Stat. 55, 98; Pub. L. 91-172, title II, §201(a)(2)(C), title IX, §907(c)(2)(B), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 558, 717; Pub. L. 94-455, title XV, §1508(a), title XIX, §1901(a)(98), (b)(1)(J)(iv), (L)-(N), 33(G), 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1741, 1781, 1791, 1801, 1834; Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §§255(b)(2)-(4), 259(a), 264(c)(2), (3), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 534, 538, 544; Pub. L. 97-448, title I, §102(m)(1), Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2374, related to general provisions regarding gain and loss from operations, prior to the general revision of this part by Pub. L. 98-369, §211(a).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2004, see section 205(c) of Pub. L. 108-218, set out as an Effective Date of 2004 Amendment note under section 807 of this title.

[§ 810. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §13511(b)(1), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2142]

Section, added Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title II, §211(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 738; amended Pub. L. 111-92, §13(c), Nov. 6, 2009, 123 Stat. 2994; Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §221(a)(41)(J), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4044, related to operations loss deduction.

A prior section 810, added Pub. L. 86-69, §2(a), June 25, 1959, 73 Stat. 125; amended Pub. L. 91-172, title I, §121(b)(5)(B), title IX, §907(a)(2), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 541, 715, related to rules for certain reserves, prior to the general revision of this part by Pub. L. 98-369, §211(a).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable to losses arising in taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2017, see section 13511(c) of Pub. L. 115-97, set out as an Effective Date of 2017 Amendment note under section 381 of this title.

SUBPART D—ACCOUNTING, ALLOCATION, AND
FOREIGN PROVISIONS

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AMENDMENTS

2017—Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §13514(a), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2143, struck out item 815 “Distributions to shareholders from pre-1984 policyholders surplus account”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10242(c)(4), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-423, struck out item 813 “Foreign life insurance companies”.

¹Section catchline amended by Pub. L. 115-97 without corresponding amendment of analysis.

§ 811. Accounting provisions**(a) Method of accounting**

All computations entering into the determination of the taxes imposed by this part shall be made—

- (1) under an accrual method of accounting, or
- (2) to the extent permitted under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, under a combination of an accrual method of accounting with any other method permitted by this chapter (other than the cash receipts and disbursements method).

To the extent not inconsistent with the preceding sentence or any other provision of this part, all such computations shall be made in a manner consistent with the manner required for purposes of the annual statement approved by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

(b) Amortization of premium and accrual of discount**(1) In general**

The appropriate items of income, deductions, and adjustments under this part shall be adjusted to reflect the appropriate amortization of premium and the appropriate accrual of discount attributable to the taxable year on bonds, notes, debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness held by a life insurance company. Such amortization and accrual shall be determined—

- (A) in accordance with the method regularly employed by such company, if such method is reasonable, and
- (B) in all other cases, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) Special rules**(A) Amortization of bond premium**

In the case of any bond (as defined in section 171(d)), the amount of bond premium, and the amortizable bond premium for the taxable year, shall be determined under section 171(b) as if the election set forth in section 171(c) had been made.

(B) Convertible evidence of indebtedness

In no case shall the amount of premium on a convertible evidence of indebtedness include any amount attributable to the conversion features of the evidence of indebtedness.

(3) Exception

No accrual of discount shall be required under paragraph (1) on any bond (as defined in section 171(d)), except in the case of discount which is—

- (A) interest to which section 103 applies, or
- (B) original issue discount (as defined in section 1273).

(c) No double counting

Nothing in this part shall permit—

- (1) a reserve to be established for any item unless the gross amount of premiums and other consideration attributable to such item are required to be included in life insurance gross income,

(2) the same item to be counted more than once for reserve purposes, or

(3) any item to be deducted (either directly or as an increase in reserves) more than once.

(d) Method of computing reserves on contract where interest is guaranteed beyond end of taxable year

For purposes of this part (other than section 816), amounts in the nature of interest to be paid or credited under any contract for any period which is computed at a rate which—

- (1) exceeds the interest rate in effect under section 808(g) for the contract for such period, and
- (2) is guaranteed beyond the end of the taxable year on which the reserves are being computed,

shall be taken into account in computing the reserves with respect to such contract as if such interest were guaranteed only up to the end of the taxable year.

(e) Short taxable years

If any return of a corporation made under this part is for a period of less than the entire calendar year (referred to in this subsection as “short period”), then section 443 shall not apply in respect to such period, but life insurance company taxable income shall be determined, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, on an annual basis by a ratable daily projection of the appropriate figures for the short period.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, § 42(a)(8), title II, § 211(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 557, 740; Pub. L. 100-647, title II, § 2004(p)(1), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3608; Pub. L. 115-97, title I, § 13517(b)(2), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2147.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 811, added Pub. L. 86-69, § 2(a), June 25, 1959, 73 Stat. 126; amended Pub. L. 97-248, title II, § 255(b)(1), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 533; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title VII, § 714(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 960, related to dividends to policyholders, prior to the general revision of this part by Pub. L. 98-369, § 211(a).

Another prior section 811, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, § 811, as added Mar. 13, 1956, ch. 83, § 2, 70 Stat. 44; amended July 24, 1956, ch. 696, § 2(c), 70 Stat. 633; Mar. 17, 1958, Pub. L. 85-345, § 2(c), 72 Stat. 37, imposed a tax on the life insurance company taxable income of all life insurance companies for taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1957, prior to the general revision of this part by Pub. L. 86-69, § 2(a).

AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 115-97 substituted “the interest rate in effect under section 808(g)” for “the greater of the prevailing State assumed interest rate or applicable Federal interest rate in effect under section 807”.

1988—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 100-647 substituted “the greater of the prevailing State assumed interest rate or applicable Federal interest rate in effect under section 807 for the contract” for “the prevailing State assumed interest rate for the contract”.

1984—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 98-369, § 42(a)(8), substituted “section 1273” for “section 1232(b)”.

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