

ginning after, 1973, see section 5(e) of Pub. L. 93-233, set out as a note under section 409 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-66 applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after, and taxable years beginning after, 1973, see section 203(e) of Pub. L. 93-66, set out as a note under section 409 of Title 42.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-336 applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after December 1972, see section 203(c) of Pub. L. 92-336, set out as a note under section 409 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-5 applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after December 1971, see section 203(c) of Pub. L. 92-5, set out as a note under section 409 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-248 applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after December 1967, see section 108(c) of Pub. L. 90-248, set out as a note under section 409 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 317(c)(1), (2) of Pub. L. 89-97 applicable with respect to services performed after quarter ending September 30, 1965, and after quarter in which Secretary of the Treasury receives a certification from Commissioners of District of Columbia expressing their desire to have insurance system established by section 401 et seq. and 1395c et seq. of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, extended to officers and employees coming under provisions of such amendments, see section 317(g) of Pub. L. 89-97, set out as a note under section 410 of Title 42.

Amendment by section 320(b)(4) of Pub. L. 89-97 applicable with respect to remuneration paid after December 1965, see section 320(c) of Pub. L. 89-97, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable only with respect to (1) service in the employ of the Government of Guam or any political subdivision thereof, or any instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing wholly owned thereby, which is performed after 1960 and after the calendar quarter in which the Secretary of the Treasury receives a certification by the Governor of Guam that legislation has been enacted by the Government of Guam expressing its desire to have the insurance system established by title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) extended to the officers and employees of such Government and such political subdivisions and instrumentalities, and (2) service in the employ of the Government of American Samoa or any political subdivision thereof or any instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing wholly owned thereby, which is performed after 1960 and after the calendar quarter in which the Secretary of the Treasury receives a certification by the Governor of American Samoa that the Government of American Samoa desires to have the insurance system established by title II of the Social Security Act extended to the officers and employees of such Government and such political subdivisions and instrumentalities, see section 103(v)(1) of Pub. L. 86-778, set out as an Effective Date of 1960 Amendment note under section 402 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

**§ 3126. Return and payment by governmental employer**

If the employer is a State or political subdivision thereof, or an agency or instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing, the return of the amount deducted and withheld upon any

wages under section 3101 and the amount of the tax imposed by section 3111 may be made by any officer or employee of such State or political subdivision or such agency or instrumentality, as the case may be, having control of the payment of such wages, or appropriately designated for that purpose.

(Added Pub. L. 99-509, title IX, §9002(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1970.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3126 was renumbered section 3128 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section, except as otherwise provided, effective with respect to payments due with respect to wages paid after Dec. 31, 1986, including wages paid after such date by a State (or political subdivision thereof) that modified its agreement pursuant to section 418(e)(2) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, see section 9002(d) of Pub. L. 99-509, set out as an Effective Date of 1986 Amendment note under section 418 of Title 42.

**§ 3127. Exemption for employers and their employees where both are members of religious faiths opposed to participation in Social Security Act programs**

**(a) In general**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter (and under regulations prescribed to carry out this section), in any case where—

(1) an employer (or, if the employer is a partnership, each partner therein) is a member of a recognized religious sect or division thereof described in section 1402(g)(1) and an adherent of established tenets or teachings of such sect or division as described in such section, and has filed and had approved under subsection (b) an application (in such form and manner, and with such official, as may be prescribed by such regulations) for an exemption from the taxes imposed by section 3111, and

(2) an employee of such employer who is also a member of such a religious sect or division and an adherent of its established tenets or teachings has filed and had approved under subsection (b) an identical application for exemption from the taxes imposed by section 3101,

such employer shall be exempt from the taxes imposed by section 3111 with respect to wages paid to each of the employees thereof who meets the requirements of paragraph (2) and each such employee shall be exempt from the taxes imposed by section 3101 with respect to such wages paid to him by such employer.

**(b) Approval of application**

An application for exemption filed by an employer (or a partner) under subsection (a)(1) or by an employee under subsection (a)(2) shall be approved only if—

(1) such application contains or is accompanied by the evidence described in section 1402(g)(1)(A) and a waiver described in section 1402(g)(1)(B),

(2) the Commissioner of Social Security makes the findings (with respect to such sect or division) described in section 1402(g)(1)(C), (D), and (E), and