

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1961 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 87-293 applicable with respect to service performed after Sept. 22, 1961, but in the case of persons serving under the Peace Corps agency established by executive order applicable with respect to service performed on or after the effective date of enrollment, see section 202(c) of Pub. L. 87-293, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-840 applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after 1958, see section 402(e) of Pub. L. 85-840, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1956 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Aug. 1, 1956, effective Jan. 1, 1956, see act Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 837, title VI, §603(a), 70 Stat. 887.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1954 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 202(c) of act Sept. 1, 1954, applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after 1954, see section 202(d) of act Sept. 1, 1954, set out as a note under section 1401 of this title.

Act Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1206, title II, §203(b), 68 Stat. 1091, provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall become effective January 1, 1955."

REPEALS; AMENDMENTS AND APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT UNAFFECTED

Section 202(a)(3) of Pub. L. 87-293, cited as a credit to this section, was repealed by Pub. L. 89-572, §5(a), Sept. 13, 1966, 80 Stat. 765. Such repeal not deemed to affect amendments to this section contained in such provisions, and continuation in full force and effect until modified by appropriate authority of all determinations, authorization, regulations, orders, contracts, agreements, and other actions issued, undertaken, or entered into under authority of the repealed provisions, see section 5(b) of Pub. L. 89-572, set out as a note under section 2515 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

§ 3123. Deductions as constructive payments

Whenever under this chapter or any act of Congress, or under the law of any State, an employer is required or permitted to deduct any amount from the remuneration of an employee and to pay the amount deducted to the United States, a State, or any political subdivision thereof, then for purposes of this chapter the amount so deducted shall be considered to have been paid to the employee at the time of such deduction.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 429.)

§ 3124. Estimate of revenue reduction

The Secretary at intervals of not longer than 3 years shall estimate the reduction in the amount of taxes collected under this chapter by reason of the operation of section 3121(b)(9) and shall include such estimate in his annual report.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 429; Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1206, title II, §205(b), 68 Stat. 1091; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

AMENDMENTS

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

1954—Act Sept. 1, 1954, substituted "section 3121(b)(9)" for "section 3121(b)(10)".

§ 3125. Returns in the case of governmental employees in States, Guam, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia**(a) States**

Except as otherwise provided in this section, in the case of the taxes imposed by sections 3101(b) and 3111(b) with respect to service performed in the employ of a State or any political subdivision thereof (or any instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing which is wholly owned thereby), the return and payment of such taxes may be made by the head of the agency or instrumentality having the control of such service, or by such agents as such head may designate. The person making such return may, for convenience of administration, make payments of the tax imposed under section 3111 with respect to the service of such individuals without regard to the contribution and benefit base limitation in section 3121(a)(1).

(b) Guam

The return and payment of the taxes imposed by this chapter on the income of individuals who are officers or employees of the Government of Guam or any political subdivision thereof or of any instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing which is wholly owned thereby, and those imposed on such Government or political subdivision or instrumentality with respect to having such individuals in its employ, may be made by the Governor of Guam or by such agents as he may designate. The person making such return may, for convenience of administration, make payments of the tax imposed under section 3111 with respect to the service of such individuals without regard to the contribution and benefit base limitation in section 3121(a)(1).

(c) American Samoa

The return and payment of the taxes imposed by this chapter on the income of individuals who are officers or employees of the Government of American Samoa or any political subdivision thereof or of any instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing which is wholly owned thereby, and those imposed on such Government or political subdivision or instrumentality with respect to having such individuals in its employ, may be made by the Governor of American Samoa or by such agents as he may designate. The person making such return may, for convenience of administration, make payments of the tax imposed under section 3111 with respect to the service of such individuals without regard to the contribution and benefit base limitation in section 3121(a)(1).

(d) District of Columbia

In the case of the taxes imposed by this chapter with respect to service performed in the employ of the District of Columbia or in the employ of any instrumentality which is wholly owned thereby, the return and payment of the taxes may be made by the Mayor of the District of Columbia or such agents as he may designate. The person making such return may, for convenience of administration, make payments of the tax imposed by section 3111 with respect to such service without regard to the contribution and benefit base limitation in section 3121(a)(1).

(Added Pub. L. 86-778, title I, § 103(q)(1), Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 939; amended Pub. L. 89-97, title III, §§ 317(c)(1), (2), 320(b)(4), July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 389, 393; Pub. L. 90-248, title I, § 108(b)(4), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 835; Pub. L. 92-5, title II, § 203(b)(4), Mar. 17, 1971, 85 Stat. 11; Pub. L. 92-336, title II, § 203(b)(4), July 1, 1972, 86 Stat. 419; Pub. L. 93-66, title II, § 203(b)(4), (d), July 9, 1973, 87 Stat. 153; Pub. L. 93-233, § 5(b)(4), (d), Dec. 31, 1973, 87 Stat. 954; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1903(a)(5), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1807; Pub. L. 99-272, title XIII, § 13205(a)(2)(A)(i), (ii), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 315; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, § 11331(d)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-468; Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, § 13207(d)(4), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 468.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3125 was renumbered section 3128 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-66 which directed the amendment of this section by substituting “contribution and benefit base limitation” for “applicable contribution base limitation” without specifying where the substitution was to be made, was executed by making the substitution in subsecs. (a) to (d) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1990—Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “applicable contribution base limitation” for “contribution and benefit base limitation” in subsecs. (a) to (d).

1986—Pub. L. 99-272 inserted “States” in section catchline, added subsec. (a), and redesignated former subsecs. (a) to (c) as (b) to (d), respectively.

1976—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “Mayor of the District of Columbia or such agents as he may designate” for “Commissioners of the District of Columbia or such agents as they may designate”.

1973—Pub. L. 93-233, § 5(b)(4), effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, substituted “\$13,200” for “\$12,600” wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 93-233, § 5(d), applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after, and taxable years beginning after, 1973 (as provided in section 5(e) of Pub. L. 93-233, set out as a note under section 409 of Title 42), amended section 203(b)(4)(C) of Pub. L. 92-336 (set out as 1973 Amendment note hereunder) substituting “\$13,200” for “\$12,600”.

Pub. L. 93-66, § 203(b)(4), effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, substituted “\$12,600” for “\$12,000” wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 93-66, § 203(d), applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after, and taxable years beginning after, 1973 (as provided in section 203(e) of Pub. L. 93-66, set out as a note under section 409 of Title 42), amended section 203(b)(4)(C) of Pub. L. 92-336 (set out as 1972 Amendment note hereunder) substituting “\$12,600” for “\$12,000”.

1972—Pub. L. 92-336, § 203(b)(4)(A), substituted “\$10,800” for “\$9,000” wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 92-336, § 203(b)(4)(B), effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, substituted “\$12,000” for “\$10,800” wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 92-336, § 203(b)(4)(C), effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1974, substituted “contribution and benefit base” for “\$12,000”.

1971—Pub. L. 92-5 substituted “\$9,000” for “\$7,800” wherever appearing.

1968—Pub. L. 90-248 substituted “\$7,800” for “\$6,600” wherever appearing.

1965—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 89-97, § 320(b)(4), substituted “\$6,600” for “\$4,800”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89-97, § 317(c)(1), added subsec. (c) and inserted reference to District of Columbia in section catchline.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-66 applicable to 1994 and later calendar years, see section 13207(e) of Pub. L. 103-66, set out as a note under section 1402 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 applicable to 1991 and later calendar years, see section 11331(e) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 1402 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-272 applicable to services performed after Mar. 31, 1986, see section 13205(d)(1) of Pub. L. 99-272, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-233 applicable only with respect to remuneration paid after, and taxable years beginning 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

(3) no benefit or other payment referred to in section 1402(g)(1)(B) became payable (or, but for section 203 of the Social Security Act, would have become payable) to the individual filing the application at or before the time of such filing.

(c) Effective period of exemption

An exemption granted under this section to any employer with respect to wages paid to any of the employees thereof, or granted to any such employee, shall apply with respect to wages paid by such employer during the period—

(1) commencing with the first day of the first calendar quarter, after the quarter in which such application is filed, throughout which such employer (or, if the employer is a partnership, each partner therein) or employee meets the applicable requirements specified in subsections (a) and (b), and

(2) ending with the last day of the calendar quarter preceding the first calendar quarter thereafter in which (A) such employer (or, if the employer is a partnership, any partner therein) or the employee involved does not meet the applicable requirements of subsection (a), or (B) the sect or division thereof of which such employer (or, if the employer is a partnership, any partner therein) or employee is a member is found by the Commissioner of Social Security to have ceased to meet the requirements of subsection (b)(2).

(Added Pub. L. 100-647, title VIII, §8007(a)(1), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3781; amended Pub. L. 101-239, title X, §10204(b)(1), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2474; Pub. L. 103-296, title I, §108(h)(3), Aug. 15, 1994, 108 Stat. 1487; Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(b)(35), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1204.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 203 of the Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is classified to section 403 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3127 was renumbered section 3128 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 115-141 struck out “or 222(b)” after “section 203”.

1994—Subsecs. (b)(2), (c)(2). Pub. L. 103-296 substituted “Commissioner of Social Security” for “Secretary of Health and Human Services”.

1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-239, §10204(b)(1)(B), substituted “the employees thereof” for “his employees” in concluding provisions.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 101-239, §10204(b)(1)(A), inserted “(or, if the employer is a partnership, each partner therein)” after “an employer”.