

this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to taxable years ending after December 31, 1953: *Provided, however*, That any taxes paid under the Railroad Retirement Tax Act [this chapter] prior to the date on which this Act is enacted [Oct. 18, 1976] shall not be affected or adjusted by reason of the amendments made by such subsection (b) except to the extent that the applicable period of limitation for the assessment of tax and the filing of a claim for credit or refund has not expired prior to the date on which this Act is enacted. If the applicable period of limitation for the filing of a claim for credit or refund would expire within the six-month period following the date on which this Act is enacted, the applicable period for the filing of such a claim for credit or refund shall be extended to include such six-month period.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by sections 204 and 205 of Pub. L. 94-93 applicable for taxable years ending on or after Aug. 9, 1975, and for taxable years ending before Aug. 9, 1975, as to which the period for assessment and collection of tax or the filing of a claim for credit or refund has not expired on Aug. 9, 1975, and amendment by section 206 of Pub. L. 94-93 applicable for taxable years beginning on or after Aug. 9, 1975: *Provided, however*, That with respect to payment made prior to Aug. 9, 1975, the employee may file a written request under section 206 of Pub. L. 94-93 within six months after Aug. 9, 1975, see section 207 of Pub. L. 94-93, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-92 effective Jan. 1, 1975, and applicable only with respect to compensation paid for services rendered on or after Jan. 1, 1975, see section 203(c) of Pub. L. 94-92, set out as a note under section 1402 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 90-624, §4(a), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1316, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“(1) The amendments made by the first two sections of this Act [amending this section and section 228a of Title 45, Railroads] shall apply with respect to service performed after December 31, 1961.

“(2) Notwithstanding the expiration before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 22, 1968] or within 6 months after such date of the period for filing claim for credit or refund, claim for credit or refund of any overpayment of any tax imposed by chapter 22 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954, 26 U.S.C. 3201 et seq.] attributable to the amendment made by the first section of this Act [amending this section] may be filed at any time within one year after such date of enactment.

“(3) Any credit or refund of an overpayment of the tax imposed by section 3201 or 3211 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which is attributable to the amendment made by the first section of this Act shall be appropriately adjusted for any lump-sum payment which has been made under section 5(f)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 [section 228e(f)(2) of Title 45] before the date of the allowance of such credit or the making of such refund.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 89-212 effective only with respect to tips received after 1965, see section 6 of Pub. L. 89-212, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1954 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Aug. 31, 1954, effective as if enacted as a part of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954], see section 407 of act Aug. 31, 1954, as amended, set out as a note under section 3201 of this title.

REGULATIONS

For provisions requiring that the regulations prescribed under subsec. (e)(4) of this section prescribe

procedures under which, if (with respect to any employee) the third party promptly (A) withholds the employee portion of the taxes involved, (B) deposits such portion under section 6302 of such Code, and (C) notifies the employer of the amount of the wages or compensation involved, the employer (and not the third party) shall be liable for the employer portion of the taxes involved and for meeting the requirements of section 6051 of this title (relating to receipts for employees) with respect to the wages or compensation involved, see section 3(d) of Pub. L. 97-123, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

EXCLUSION FROM WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF FUNDS REQUIRED FROM EMPLOYERS TO COMPENSATE FOR DUPLICATION OF MEDICARE BENEFITS BY HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY EMPLOYERS

For purposes of this chapter, the term “compensation” shall not include the amount of any refund required under section 421 of Pub. L. 100-360, 42 U.S.C. 1395b note, see section 10202 of Pub. L. 101-239, set out as a note under section 1395b of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

PAYMENTS UNDER STATE TEMPORARY DISABILITY LAW TO BE TREATED AS REMUNERATION FOR SERVICE

For purposes of applying subsec. (e) of this section with respect to subsec. (e)(4) of this section, payments under a State temporary disability law to be treated as remuneration for service, see section 3(e) of Pub. L. 97-123, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

§ 3232. Court jurisdiction

The several district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction to entertain an application by the Attorney General on behalf of the Secretary to compel an employee or other person residing within the jurisdiction of the court or an employer subject to service of process within its jurisdiction to comply with any obligations imposed on such employee, employer, or other person under the provisions of this chapter. The jurisdiction herein specifically conferred upon such Federal courts shall not be held exclusive of any jurisdiction otherwise possessed by such courts to entertain civil actions, whether legal or equitable in nature, in aid of the enforcement of rights or obligations arising under the provisions of this chapter.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 437; 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”.

§ 3233. Short title

This chapter may be cited as the “Railroad Retirement Tax Act.”

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 438.)

Subchapter E—Tier 2 Tax Rate Determination

Sec.

3241. Determination of tier 2 tax rate based on average account benefits ratio.

§ 3241. Determination of tier 2 tax rate based on average account benefits ratio

(a) In general

For purposes of sections 3201(b), 3211(b), and 3221(b), the applicable percentage for any cal-

endar year is the percentage determined in accordance with the table in subsection (b).

(b) Tax rate schedule

Average account benefits ratio		Applicable percentage for sections 321(b) and 321(b)	Applicable percentage for section 3201(b)
At least	But less than		
	2.5	22.1	4.9
2.5	3.0	18.1	4.9
3.0	3.5	15.1	4.9
3.5	4.0	14.1	4.9
4.0	6.1	13.1	4.9
6.1	6.5	12.6	4.4
6.5	7.0	12.1	3.9
7.0	7.5	11.6	3.4
7.5	8.0	11.1	2.9
8.0	8.5	10.1	1.9
8.5	9.0	9.1	0.9
9.0		8.2	0

(c) Definitions related to determination of rates of tax

(1) Average account benefits ratio

For purposes of this section, the term “average account benefits ratio” means, with respect to any calendar year, the average determined by the Secretary of the account benefits ratios for the 10 most recent fiscal years ending before such calendar year. If the amount determined under the preceding sentence is not a multiple of 0.1, such amount shall be increased to the next highest multiple of 0.1.

(2) Account benefits ratio

For purposes of this section, the term “account benefits ratio” means, with respect to any fiscal year, the amount determined by the Railroad Retirement Board by dividing the fair market value of the assets in the Railroad Retirement Account and of the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (and for years before 2002, the Social Security Equivalent Benefits Account) as of the close of such fiscal year by the total benefits and administrative expenses paid from the Railroad Retirement Account and the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust during such fiscal year.

(d) Notice

No later than December 1 of each calendar year, the Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register of the rates of tax determined under this section which are applicable for the following calendar year.

(Added Pub. L. 107-90, title II, §204(d), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 892.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter applicable to calendar years beginning after Dec. 31, 2001, see section 204(f) of Pub. L. 107-90, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2001 Amendments note under section 24 of this title.

CHAPTER 23—FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ACT

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AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-566, title I, §115(c)(4), Oct. 20, 1976, 90 Stat. 2671, substituted “services performed for nonprofit organizations or governmental entities” for “certain services performed for nonprofit organizations and for State hospitals and institutions of higher education” in item 3309.

1970—Pub. L. 91-373, title I, §§104(b)(2), 131(b)(3), Aug. 10, 1970, 84 Stat. 699, 705, added items 3309 and 3310 and redesignated former item 3309 as 3311.

1960—Pub. L. 86-778, title V, §531(d)(2), Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 984, added item 3308 and redesignated former item 3308 as 3309.

§ 3301. Rate of tax

There is hereby imposed on every employer (as defined in section 3306(a)) for each calendar year an excise tax, with respect to having individuals in his employ, equal to 6 percent of the total wages (as defined in section 3306(b)) paid by such employer during the calendar year with respect to employment (as defined in section 3306(c)).

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 439; Pub. L. 86-778, title V, §523(a), Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 980; Pub. L. 87-6, §14(a), Mar. 24, 1961, 75 Stat. 16; Pub. L. 88-31, §2(a), May 29, 1963, 77 Stat. 51; Pub. L. 91-373, title III, §301(a), Aug. 10, 1970, 84 Stat. 713; Pub. L. 92-329, §2(a), June 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 398; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1903(a)(11), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1808; Pub. L. 94-566, title II, §211(b), Oct. 20, 1976, 90 Stat. 2676; Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §271(b)(1), (c)(1), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 554, 555; Pub. L. 99-514, title XVIII, §1899A(42), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2960; Pub. L. 100-203, title IX, §9153(a), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-326; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11333(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-470; Pub. L. 102-164, title IV, §402, Nov. 15, 1991, 105 Stat. 1061; Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13751, Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 664; Pub. L. 105-34, title X, §1035, Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 937; Pub. L. 110-140, title XV, §1501(a), Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1800; Pub. L. 110-343, div. B, title IV, §404(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3860; Pub. L. 111-92, §10(a), Nov. 6, 2009, 123 Stat. 2988; Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(b)(37), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1204.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-141 substituted “equal to 6 percent of the total wages (as defined in section 3306(b)) paid by such employer during the calendar year with respect to employment (as defined in section 3306(c)).” for “equal to—

“(1) 6.2 percent in the case of calendar years 1988 through 2010 and the first 6 months of calendar year 2011; or

“(2) 6.0 percent in the case of the remainder of calendar year 2011 and each calendar year thereafter; of the total wages (as defined in section 3306(b)) paid by him during the calendar year (or portion of the calendar year) with respect to employment (as defined in section 3306(c)).”

2009—Pub. L. 111-92 inserted “(or portion of the calendar year)” after “during the calendar year” in con-