

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 471.)

§ 3504. Acts to be performed by agents

In case a fiduciary, agent, or other person has the control, receipt, custody, or disposal of, or pays the wages of an employee or group of employees, employed by one or more employers, the Secretary, under regulations prescribed by him, is authorized to designate such fiduciary, agent, or other person to perform such acts as are required of employers under this title and as the Secretary may specify. Except as may be otherwise prescribed by the Secretary, all provisions of law (including penalties) applicable in respect of an employer shall be applicable to a fiduciary, agent, or other person so designated but, except as so provided, the employer for whom such fiduciary, agent, or other person acts shall remain subject to the provisions of law (including penalties) applicable in respect of employers.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 471; Pub. L. 85-866, title I, §71, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1660; 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” in three places.

1958—Pub. L. 85-866 substituted “title” for “subtitle” in first sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 85-866, title I, §71, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1660, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective with respect to remuneration paid after Dec. 31, 1954.

§ 3505. Liability of third parties paying or providing for wages

(a) Direct payment by third parties

For purposes of sections 3102, 3202, 3402, and 3403, if a lender, surety, or other person, who is not an employer under such sections with respect to an employee or group of employees, pays wages directly to such an employee or group of employees, employed by one or more employers, or to an agent on behalf of such employee or employees, such lender, surety, or other person shall be liable in his own person and estate to the United States in a sum equal to the taxes (together with interest) required to be deducted and withheld from such wages by such employer.

(b) Personal liability where funds are supplied

If a lender, surety, or other person supplies funds to or for the account of an employer for the specific purpose of paying wages of the employees of such employer, with actual notice or knowledge (within the meaning of section 6323(i)(1)) that such employer does not intend to or will not be able to make timely payment or deposit of the amounts of tax required by this subtitle to be deducted and withheld by such employer from such wages, such lender, surety, or other person shall be liable in his own person and estate to the United States in a sum equal to the taxes (together with interest) which are not paid over to the United States by such employer with respect to such wages. However, the

liability of such lender, surety, or other person shall be limited to an amount equal to 25 percent of the amount so supplied to or for the account of such employer for such purpose.

(c) Effect of payment

Any amounts paid to the United States pursuant to this section shall be credited against the liability of the employer.

(Added Pub. L. 89-719, title I, §105(a), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1138.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable only with respect to wages paid on or after Jan. 1, 1967, see section 114(c)(1) of Pub. L. 89-719, set out as an Effective Date of 1966 Amendment note under section 6323 of this title.

§ 3506. Individuals providing companion sitting placement services

(a) In general

For purposes of this subtitle, a person engaged in the trade or business of putting sitters in touch with individuals who wish to employ them shall not be treated as the employer of such sitters (and such sitters shall not be treated as employees of such person) if such person does not pay or receive the salary or wages of the sitters and is compensated by the sitters or the persons who employ them on a fee basis.

(b) Definition

For purposes of this section, the term “sitters” means individuals who furnish personal attendance, companionship, or household care services to children or to individuals who are elderly or disabled.

(c) Regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 95-171, §10(a), Nov. 12, 1977, 91 Stat. 1356.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 95-171, §10(c), Nov. 12, 1977, 91 Stat. 1356, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to remuneration received after December 31, 1974.”

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION OR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS BASED ON SERVICES PERFORMED BEFORE NOVEMBER 12, 1977, UNAFFECTED

Pub. L. 95-171, §10(d), Nov. 12, 1977, 91 Stat. 1356, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall not be construed as affecting (1) any individual’s right to receive unemployment compensation based on services performed before the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 12, 1977], or (2) any individual’s eligibility for social security benefits to the extent based on services performed before that date.”

[§ 3507. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-226, title II, § 219(a)(1), Aug. 10, 2010, 124 Stat. 2403]

Section, added Pub. L. 95-600, title I, §105(b)(1), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2773; amended Pub. L. 97-248, title III, §§307(a)(3), 308(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 589, 591; Pub. L. 98-67, title I, §102(a), Aug. 5, 1983, 97 Stat. 369; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title IV, §474(r)(30), title X, §1042(d)(3), (4), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 845, 1044; Pub. L. 99-514, title I, §111(d)(2), (3), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2108; Pub. L.

101-508, title XI, §11111(c), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-412; Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13131(d)(4)-(6), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 435; Pub. L. 103-465, title VII, §721(c), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 5002, related to advance payment of earned income credit.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2010, see section 219(c) of Pub. L. 111-226, set out as an Effective Date of 2010 Amendment note under section 32 of this title.

§ 3508. Treatment of real estate agents and direct sellers

(a) General rule

For purposes of this title, in the case of services performed as a qualified real estate agent or as a direct seller—

- (1) the individual performing such services shall not be treated as an employee, and
- (2) the person for whom such services are performed shall not be treated as an employer.

(b) Definitions

For purposes of this section—

(1) Qualified real estate agent

The term “qualified real estate agent” means any individual who is a sales person if—

- (A) such individual is a licensed real estate agent,
- (B) substantially all of the remuneration (whether or not paid in cash) for the services performed by such individual as a real estate agent is directly related to sales or other output (including the performance of services) rather than to the number of hours worked, and
- (C) the services performed by the individual are performed pursuant to a written contract between such individual and the person for whom the services are performed and such contract provides that the individual will not be treated as an employee with respect to such services for Federal tax purposes.

(2) Direct seller

The term “direct seller” means any person if—

- (A) such person—
 - (i) is engaged in the trade or business of selling (or soliciting the sale of) consumer products to any buyer on a buy-sell basis, a deposit-commission basis, or any similar basis which the Secretary prescribes by regulations, for resale (by the buyer or any other person) in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment,
 - (ii) is engaged in the trade or business of selling (or soliciting the sale of) consumer products in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment, or
 - (iii) is engaged in the trade or business of the delivering or distribution of newspapers or shopping news (including any services directly related to such trade or business),
- (B) substantially all the remuneration (whether or not paid in cash) for the performance of the services described in subparagraph (A) is directly related to sales or

other output (including the performance of services) rather than to the number of hours worked, and

(C) the services performed by the person are performed pursuant to a written contract between such person and the person for whom the services are performed and such contract provides that the person will not be treated as an employee with respect to such services for Federal tax purposes.

(3) Coordination with retirement plans for self-employed

This section shall not apply for purposes of subtitle A to the extent that the individual is treated as an employee under section 401(c)(1) (relating to self-employed individuals).

(Added Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §269(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 551; amended Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1118(a), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1764.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-188 added cl. (iii).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-188, title XI, §1118(b), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1764, provided that: “The amendments made by this section shall apply to services performed after December 31, 1995.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §269(e), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 553, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending section 410 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] shall apply to services performed after December 31, 1982.

“(2) SUBSECTION (c).—The amendments made by subsection (c) [amending provisions set out as a note under section 3401 of this title] shall take effect on July 1, 1982.”

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §269(c)(3), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 553, provided that: “Nothing in section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978 [set out as a note under section 3401 of this title] shall be construed to prohibit the implementation of the amendments made by this section [enacting this section, amending section 410 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 3401 of this title].”

§ 3509. Determination of employer’s liability for certain employment taxes

(a) In general

If any employer fails to deduct and withhold any tax under chapter 24 or subchapter A of chapter 21 with respect to any employee by reason of treating such employee as not being an employee for purposes of such chapter or subchapter, the amount of the employer’s liability for—

(1) Withholding taxes

Tax under chapter 24 for such year with respect to such employee shall be determined as if the amount required to be deducted and withheld were equal to 1.5 percent of the wages (as defined in section 3401) paid to such employee.

(2) Employee social security tax

Taxes under subchapter A of chapter 21 with respect to such employee shall be determined