

“(B) only the first year of the taxpayer’s holding period for the asset referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall be taken into account for purposes of paragraphs (2)(A)(iii), (3)(C), and (4)(A)(iii) of section 1400F(b).”

2014—Subsec. (b)(1)(A)(iv). Pub. L. 113-295 added cl. (iv).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-260 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2020, see section 118(e) of div. EE of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 1391 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-295 effective as if included in the provisions of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, Pub. L. 111-312, to which such amendment relates, see section 206(d) of Pub. L. 113-295, set out as a note under section 32 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to qualified empowerment zone assets acquired after Dec. 21, 2000, see section 1(a)(7) [title I, §116(c)] of Pub. L. 106-554, set out as an Effective Date of 2000 Amendment note under section 1016 of this title.

#### SAVINGS PROVISION

Amendment by section 401(d)(4)(B)(vii) of Pub. L. 115-141 not applicable to certain obligations issued, DC Zone assets acquired, or principal residences acquired before Jan. 1, 2012, see section 401(d)(4)(C) of Pub. L. 115-141, set out as a note under former section 1400 of this title.

Amendment by section 401(d)(5)(B)(iv), (v) of Pub. L. 115-141 not applicable to certain qualified community assets acquired, wages paid or incurred, qualified revitalization buildings placed in service, or property acquired before Jan. 1, 2010, see section 401(d)(5)(C) of Pub. L. 115-141, set out as a note under former section 1400E of this title.

For provisions that nothing in amendment by Pub. L. 115-141 be construed to affect treatment of certain transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Mar. 23, 2018, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Mar. 23, 2018, see section 401(e) of Pub. L. 115-141, set out as a note under section 23 of this title.

#### SUBPART D—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec.

1397C. Enterprise zone business defined.

1397D. Qualified zone property defined.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title I, §116(a)(1), (b)(7)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-602, 2763A-604, redesignated subpart C of this part as this subpart and items for sections 1397B and 1397C as 1397C and 1397D, respectively.

### § 1397C. Enterprise zone business defined

#### (a) In general

For purposes of this part, the term “enterprise zone business” means—

- (1) any qualified business entity, and
- (2) any qualified proprietorship.

#### (b) Qualified business entity

For purposes of this section, the term “qualified business entity” means, with respect to any taxable year, any corporation or partnership if for such year—

(1) every trade or business of such entity is the active conduct of a qualified business within an empowerment zone,

(2) at least 50 percent of the total gross income of such entity is derived from the active conduct of such business,

(3) a substantial portion of the use of the tangible property of such entity (whether owned or leased) is within an empowerment zone,

(4) a substantial portion of the intangible property of such entity is used in the active conduct of any such business,

(5) a substantial portion of the services performed for such entity by its employees are performed in an empowerment zone,

(6) at least 35 percent of its employees are residents of an empowerment zone,

(7) less than 5 percent of the average of the aggregate unadjusted bases of the property of such entity is attributable to collectibles (as defined in section 408(m)(2)) other than collectibles that are held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of such business, and

(8) less than 5 percent of the average of the aggregate unadjusted bases of the property of such entity is attributable to nonqualified financial property.

#### (c) Qualified proprietorship

For purposes of this section, the term “qualified proprietorship” means, with respect to any taxable year, any qualified business carried on by an individual as a proprietorship if for such year—

(1) at least 50 percent of the total gross income of such individual from such business is derived from the active conduct of such business in an empowerment zone,

(2) a substantial portion of the use of the tangible property of such individual in such business (whether owned or leased) is within an empowerment zone,

(3) a substantial portion of the intangible property of such business is used in the active conduct of such business,

(4) a substantial portion of the services performed for such individual in such business by employees of such business are performed in an empowerment zone,

(5) at least 35 percent of such employees are residents of an empowerment zone,

(6) less than 5 percent of the average of the aggregate unadjusted bases of the property of such individual which is used in such business is attributable to collectibles (as defined in section 408(m)(2)) other than collectibles that are held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of such business, and

(7) less than 5 percent of the average of the aggregate unadjusted bases of the property of such individual which is used in such business is attributable to nonqualified financial property.

For purposes of this subsection, the term “employee” includes the proprietor.

#### (d) Qualified business

For purposes of this section—

**(1) In general**

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the term “qualified business” means any trade or business.

**(2) Rental of real property**

The rental to others of real property located in an empowerment zone shall be treated as a qualified business if and only if—

- (A) the property is not residential rental property (as defined in section 168(e)(2)), and
- (B) at least 50 percent of the gross rental income from the real property is from enterprise zone businesses.

For purposes of subparagraph (B), the lessor of the property may rely on a lessee’s certification that such lessee is an enterprise zone business.

**(3) Rental of tangible personal property**

The rental to others of tangible personal property shall be treated as a qualified business if and only if at least 50 percent of the rental of such property is by enterprise zone businesses or by residents of an empowerment zone.

**(4) Treatment of business holding intangibles**

The term “qualified business” shall not include any trade or business consisting predominantly of the development or holding of intangibles for sale or license.

**(5) Certain businesses excluded**

The term “qualified business” shall not include—

- (A) any trade or business consisting of the operation of any facility described in section 144(c)(6)(B), and
- (B) any trade or business the principal activity of which is farming (within the meaning of subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 2032A(e)(5)), but only if, as of the close of the taxable year, the sum of—

- (i) the aggregate unadjusted bases (or, if greater, the fair market value) of the assets owned by the taxpayer which are used in such a trade or business, and
- (ii) the aggregate value of assets leased by the taxpayer which are used in such a trade or business,

exceeds \$500,000.

For purposes of subparagraph (B), rules similar to the rules of section 1397(b) shall apply.

**(e) Nonqualified financial property**

For purposes of this section, the term “nonqualified financial property” means debt, stock, partnership interests, options, futures contracts, forward contracts, warrants, notional principal contracts, annuities, and other similar property specified in regulations; except that such term shall not include—

- (1) reasonable amounts of working capital held in cash, cash equivalents, or debt instruments with a term of 18 months or less, or
- (2) debt instruments described in section 1221(a)(4).

**(f) Treatment of businesses straddling census tract lines**

For purposes of this section, if—

(1) a business entity or proprietorship uses real property located within an empowerment zone,

(2) the business entity or proprietorship also uses real property located outside the empowerment zone,

(3) the amount of real property described in paragraph (1) is substantial compared to the amount of real property described in paragraph (2), and

(4) the real property described in paragraph (2) is contiguous to part or all of the real property described in paragraph (1),

then all the services performed by employees, all business activities, all tangible property, and all intangible property of the business entity or proprietorship that occur in or is located on the real property described in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be treated as occurring or situated in an empowerment zone.

(Added Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13301(a), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 552, §1397B; amended Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1703(m), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1877; Pub. L. 105-34, title IX, §956(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 106-170, title V, §532(c)(4), Dec. 17, 1999, 113 Stat. 1931; renumbered §1397C, Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title I, §116(a)(2)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-602; Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(a)(196), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1193.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1397C was renumbered section 1397D of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (d)(5)(B). Pub. L. 115-141 substituted “subparagraph (A) or (B)” for “subparagraphs (A) or (B)” in introductory provisions.

2000—Pub. L. 106-554 renumbered section 1397B of this title as this section.

1999—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 106-170 substituted “section 1221(a)(4)” for “section 1221(4)”.

1997—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(1), substituted “50 percent” for “80 percent”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(2), substituted “a substantial portion” for “substantially all”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(2), (3), substituted “a substantial portion” for “substantially all” and struck out “, and exclusively related to,” after “entity is used in”.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(2), substituted “a substantial portion” for “substantially all”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(1), substituted “50 percent” for “80 percent”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(2), substituted “a substantial portion” for “substantially all”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(2), (3), substituted “a substantial portion” for “substantially all” and struck out “, and exclusively related to,” after “business is used in”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(2), substituted “a substantial portion” for “substantially all”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(4), inserted concluding provisions.

Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(5), substituted “at least 50 percent” for “substantially all”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-34, §956(a)(6), added subsec. (f).

1996—Subsec. (d)(5)(B). Pub. L. 104-188 struck out “preceding” before “taxable year” in introductory provisions.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-170 applicable to any instrument held, acquired, or entered into, any trans-

action entered into, and supplies held or acquired on or after Dec. 17, 1999, see section 532(d) of Pub. L. 106-170, set out as a note under section 170 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-34, title IX, §956(b), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 891, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1997].

“(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE FACILITY BONDS.—For purposes of section 1394(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the amendments made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this Act.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-188 effective as if included in the provision of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, Pub. L. 103-66, §§ 13001-13444, to which such amendment relates, see section 1703(o) of Pub. L. 104-188, set out as a note under section 39 of this title.

### § 1397D. Qualified zone property defined

#### (a) General rule

For purposes of this part—

##### (1) In general

The term “qualified zone property” means any property to which section 168 applies (or would apply but for section 179) if—

(A) such property was acquired by the taxpayer by purchase (as defined in section 179(d)(2)) after the date on which the designation of the empowerment zone took effect,

(B) the original use of which in an empowerment zone commences with the taxpayer, and

(C) substantially all of the use of which is in an empowerment zone and is in the active conduct of a qualified business by the taxpayer in such zone.

##### (2) Special rule for substantial renovations

In the case of any property which is substantially renovated by the taxpayer, the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) shall be treated as satisfied. For purposes of the preceding sentence, property shall be treated as substantially renovated by the taxpayer if, during any 24-month period beginning after the date on which the designation of the empowerment zone took effect, additions to basis with respect to such property in the hands of the taxpayer exceed the greater of (i) an amount equal to the adjusted basis at the beginning of such 24-month period in the hands of the taxpayer, or (ii) \$5,000.

#### (b) Special rules for sale-leasebacks

For purposes of subsection (a)(1)(B), if property is sold and leased back by the taxpayer within 3 months after the date such property was originally placed in service, such property shall be treated as originally placed in service not earlier than the date on which such property is used under the leaseback.

(Added Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13301(a), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 554, §1397C; renumbered §1397D, Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title I, §116(a)(2)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-602.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1397D was renumbered section 1397F of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-554 renumbered section 1397C of this title as this section.

### PART IV—INCENTIVES FOR EDUCATION ZONES

Sec.

[1397E. Repealed.]

#### AMENDMENTS

2017—Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §13404(c)(1), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2138, struck out item 1397E “Credit to holders of qualified zone academy bonds”.

1997—Pub. L. 105-34, title II, §226(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 820, added part IV heading and item 1397E. Former part IV, consisting of section 1397D, redesignated V.

### [§ 1397E. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-97, title I, § 13404(c)(1), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2138]

Section, added Pub. L. 105-34, title II, §226(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 821; amended Pub. L. 105-206, title VI, §6004(g)(2)-(4), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 796; Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, §752(b)(11), Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1169; Pub. L. 106-170, title V, §509, Dec. 17, 1999, 113 Stat. 1924; Pub. L. 107-110, title X, §1076(t), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2092; Pub. L. 107-147, title VI, §608(a), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 60; Pub. L. 108-311, title III, §304(a), title IV, §406(c), Oct. 4, 2004, 118 Stat. 1179, 1189; Pub. L. 109-58, title XIII, §1303(c)(2), (3), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 997; Pub. L. 109-432, div. A, title I, §107(a), (b)(1), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 2938; Pub. L. 110-234, title XV, §15316(c)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1511; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XV, §15316(c)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2273; Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title III, §313(b)(3), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3872; Pub. L. 111-5, div. B, title I, §1531(c)(3), Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 360; Pub. L. 114-95, title IX, §9215(uu)(3), Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 2183, related to credit to holders of qualified zone academy bonds.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable to bonds issued after Dec. 31, 2017, see section 13404(d) of Pub. L. 115-97, set out as a note under former section 54 of this title.

### PART V—REGULATIONS

Sec.

1397F. Regulations.

#### AMENDMENTS

1997—Pub. L. 105-34, title II, §226(a), (b)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 820, 824, redesignated part IV of this subchapter as this part and item 1397D as 1397F.

### § 1397F. Regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of parts II and III, including—

(1) regulations limiting the benefit of parts II and III in circumstances where such benefits, in combination with benefits provided under other Federal programs, would result in an activity being 100 percent or more subsidized by the Federal Government,

(2) regulations preventing abuse of the provisions of parts II and III, and

(3) regulations dealing with inadvertent failures of entities to be enterprise zone businesses.