

Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 831 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1983, see section 215 of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as an Effective Date note under section 801 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1969 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-172 applicable with respect to taxable years ending on or after Dec. 31, 1970, see section 401(h)(3) of Pub. L. 91-172, set out as a note under section 1561 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable with respect to taxable years ending after Dec. 31, 1963, see section 235(d) of Pub. L. 88-272, set out as an Effective Date of 1964 Amendment note under section 269 of this title.

**[§ 1564. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, § 11801(a)(38), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-521]**

Section, added Pub. L. 91-172, title IV, § 401(b)(1), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 600; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1901(b)(1)(J)(vi), (21)(A)(ii), 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1791, 1797, 1834, related to transitional rules in the case of certain controlled corporations.

SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in repeal by Pub. L. 101-508 be construed to affect treatment of certain transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Nov. 5, 1990, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 11821(b) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 45K of this title.

**Subtitle B—Estate and Gift Taxes**

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- 2008—Pub. L. 110-245, title III, § 301(b)(2), June 17, 2008, 122 Stat. 1646, added item for chapter 15.
- 1990—Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, § 11602(c), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-500, added item for chapter 14.
- 1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XIV, § 1431(b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2729, struck out “certain” after “Tax on” in item for chapter 13.
- 1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, § 2006(b)(1), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1888, added item for chapter 13.

**CHAPTER 11—ESTATE TAX**

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**Subchapter A—Estates of Citizens or Residents**

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**PART I—TAX IMPOSED**

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1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, § 2001(c)(1)(N)(i), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1853, substituted “Imposition and rate of tax” for “Rate of tax” in item 2001.

**§ 2001. Imposition and rate of tax**

**(a) Imposition**

A tax is hereby imposed on the transfer of the taxable estate of every decedent who is a citizen or resident of the United States.

**(b) Computation of tax**

The tax imposed by this section shall be the amount equal to the excess (if any) of—

(1) a tentative tax computed under subsection (c) on the sum of—

(A) the amount of the taxable estate, and  
 (B) the amount of the adjusted taxable gifts, over

(2) the aggregate amount of tax which would have been payable under chapter 12 with respect to gifts made by the decedent after December 31, 1976, if the modifications described in subsection (g) had been applicable at the time of such gifts.

For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), the term “adjusted taxable gifts” means the total amount of the taxable gifts (within the meaning of section 2503) made by the decedent after December 31, 1976, other than gifts which are includible in the gross estate of the decedent.

**(c) Rate schedule**

<b>If the amount with respect to which the tentative tax to be computed is:</b>	<b>The tentative tax is:</b>
Not over \$10,000 .....	18 percent of such amount.
Over \$10,000 but not over \$20,000.	\$1,800, plus 20 percent of the excess of such amount over \$10,000.
Over \$20,000 but not over \$40,000.	\$3,800, plus 22 percent of the excess of such amount over \$20,000.
Over \$40,000 but not over \$60,000.	\$8,200 plus 24 percent of the excess of such amount over \$40,000.
Over \$60,000 but not over \$80,000.	\$13,000, plus 26 percent of the excess of such amount over \$60,000.
Over \$80,000 but not over \$100,000.	\$18,200, plus 28 percent of the excess of such amount over \$80,000.
Over \$100,000 but not over \$150,000.	\$23,800, plus 30 percent of the excess of such amount over \$100,000.
Over \$150,000 but not over \$250,000.	\$38,800, plus 32 percent of the excess of such amount over \$150,000.
Over \$250,000 but not over \$500,000.	\$70,800, plus 34 percent of the excess of such amount over \$250,000.
Over \$500,000 but not over \$750,000.	\$155,800, plus 37 percent of the excess of such amount over \$500,000.
Over \$750,000 but not over \$1,000,000.	\$248,300, plus 39 percent of the excess of such amount over \$750,000.

**If the amount with respect to which the tentative tax to be computed is:**

Over \$1,000,000 ..... \$345,800, plus 40 percent of the excess of such amount over \$1,000,000.

**The tentative tax is:**

**(d) Adjustment for gift tax paid by spouse**

For purposes of subsection (b)(2), if—

(1) the decedent was the donor of any gift one-half of which was considered under section 2513 as made by the decedent's spouse, and

(2) the amount of such gift is includible in the gross estate of the decedent,

any tax payable by the spouse under chapter 12 on such gift (as determined under section 2012(d)) shall be treated as a tax payable with respect to a gift made by the decedent.

**(e) Coordination of sections 2513 and 2035**

If—

(1) the decedent's spouse was the donor of any gift one-half of which was considered under section 2513 as made by the decedent, and

(2) the amount of such gift is includible in the gross estate of the decedent's spouse by reason of section 2035,

such gift shall not be included in the adjusted taxable gifts of the decedent for purposes of subsection (b)(1)(B), and the aggregate amount determined under subsection (b)(2) shall be reduced by the amount (if any) determined under subsection (d) which was treated as a tax payable by the decedent's spouse with respect to such gift.

**(f) Valuation of gifts**

**(1) In general**

If the time has expired under section 6501 within which a tax may be assessed under chapter 12 (or under corresponding provisions of prior laws) on—

(A) the transfer of property by gift made during a preceding calendar period (as defined in section 2502(b)); or

(B) an increase in taxable gifts required under section 2701(d),

the value thereof shall, for purposes of computing the tax under this chapter, be the value as finally determined for purposes of chapter 12.

**(2) Final determination**

For purposes of paragraph (1), a value shall be treated as finally determined for purposes of chapter 12 if—

(A) the value is shown on a return under such chapter and such value is not contested by the Secretary before the expiration of the time referred to in paragraph (1) with respect to such return;

(B) in a case not described in subparagraph (A), the value is specified by the Secretary and such value is not timely contested by the taxpayer; or

(C) the value is determined by a court or pursuant to a settlement agreement with the Secretary.

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the value of an item shall be treated as shown on a return

if the item is disclosed in the return, or in a statement attached to the return, in a manner adequate to apprise the Secretary of the nature of such item.

**(g) Modifications to tax payable**

**(1) Modifications to gift tax payable to reflect different tax rates**

For purposes of applying subsection (b)(2) with respect to 1 or more gifts, the rates of tax under subsection (c) in effect at the decedent's death shall, in lieu of the rates of tax in effect at the time of such gifts, be used both to compute—

(A) the tax imposed by chapter 12 with respect to such gifts, and

(B) the credit allowed against such tax under section 2505, including in computing—

(i) the applicable credit amount under section 2505(a)(1), and

(ii) the sum of the amounts allowed as a credit for all preceding periods under section 2505(a)(2).

**(2) Modifications to estate tax payable to reflect different basic exclusion amounts**

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this section with respect to any difference between—

(A) the basic exclusion amount under section 2010(c)(3) applicable at the time of the decedent's death, and

(B) the basic exclusion amount under such section applicable with respect to any gifts made by the decedent.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 373; Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, §2001(a)(1), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1846; Pub. L. 95-600, title VII, §702(h)(1), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2930; Pub. L. 97-34, title IV, §402(a)-(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 300; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §21(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 506; Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10401(a)-(b)(2)(A), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-430, 1330-431; Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13208(a)-(b)(2), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 469; Pub. L. 105-34, title V, §§501(a)(1)(D), 506(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 845, 855; Pub. L. 105-206, title VI, §6007(e)(2)(B), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 810; Pub. L. 105-277, div. J, title IV, §4003(c), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-909; Pub. L. 107-16, title V, §511(a)-(c), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 70; Pub. L. 111-312, title III, §302(a)(2), (d)(1), Dec. 17, 2010, 124 Stat. 3301, 3302; Pub. L. 112-240, title I, §101(c)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2317; Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §11061(b), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2091.)

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2017—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115-97 amended subsec. (g) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "For purposes of applying subsection (b)(2) with respect to 1 or more gifts, the rates of tax under subsection (c) in effect at the decedent's death shall, in lieu of the rates of tax in effect at the time of such gifts, be used both to compute—

"(1) the tax imposed by chapter 12 with respect to such gifts, and

"(2) the credit allowed against such tax under section 2505, including in computing—

"(A) the applicable credit amount under section 2505(a)(1), and

"(B) the sum of the amounts allowed as a credit for all preceding periods under section 2505(a)(2)."

2013—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-240 substituted in table separate tentative tax rates for amounts over \$500,000 but not over \$750,000, over \$750,000 but not over \$1,000,000, and over \$1,000,000, respectively, for single tentative tax rate for amounts over \$500,000.

2010—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 111-312, §302(d)(1)(A), substituted “if the modifications described in subsection (g)” for “if the provisions of subsection (c) (as in effect at the decedent’s death)”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-312, §302(a)(2), struck out par. (1) designation and heading preceding table, substituted in table a single tentative tax rate for any amount over \$500,000 for separate tentative tax rates for amounts ranging from over \$500,000 to over \$2,500,000, and struck out par. (2) which related to phasedown of maximum rate of tax.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 111-312, §302(d)(1)(B), added subsec. (g).

2001—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107-16, §511(a), substituted in table provisions that if the amount on which the tax is computed is over \$2,500,000, then the tentative tax is \$1,025,800, plus 50% of the excess over \$2,500,000 for provisions that if the amount on which the tax is computed is over \$2,500,000 but not over \$3,000,000, then the tentative tax is \$1,025,800, plus 53% of the excess over \$2,500,000, and if the amount on which the tax is computed is over \$3,000,000, then the tentative tax is \$1,290,800, plus 55% of the excess over \$3,000,000.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 107-16, §511(c), added par. (2).  
 Pub. L. 107-16, §511(b), struck out heading and text of par. (2). Text read as follows: “The tentative tax determined under paragraph (1) shall be increased by an amount equal to 5 percent of so much of the amount (with respect to which the tentative tax is to be computed) as exceeds \$10,000,000 but does not exceed the amount at which the average tax rate under this section is 55 percent.”

1998—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-206, §6007(e)(2)(B), reenacted heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “If—

“(1) the time has expired within which a tax may be assessed under chapter 12 (or under corresponding provisions of prior laws) on the transfer of property by gift made during a preceding calendar period (as defined in section 2502(b)), and

“(2) the value of such gift is shown on the return for such preceding calendar period or is disclosed in such return, or in a statement attached to the return, in a manner adequate to apprise the Secretary of the nature of such gift,

the value of such gift shall, for purposes of computing the tax under this chapter, be the value of such gift as finally determined for purposes of chapter 12.”

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 105-277 inserted concluding provisions.

1997—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105-34, §501(a)(1)(D), substituted “the amount at which the average tax rate under this section is 55 percent” for “\$21,040,000”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-34, §506(a), added subsec. (f).

1993—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 103-66, §13208(a), substituted in table provisions that if the amount on which the tax is computed is over \$2,500,000 but not over \$3,000,000, then the tentative tax is \$1,025,800, plus 53% of the excess over \$2,500,000 and if the amount on which the tax is computed is over \$3,000,000, then the tentative tax is \$1,290,800, plus 55% of the excess over \$3,000,000 for provisions that if the amount on which the tax is computed is over \$2,500,000, then the tentative tax is \$1,025,800, plus 50% of the excess over \$2,500,000.

Subsec. (c)(2), (3). Pub. L. 103-66, §13208(b)(1), (2), redesignated par. (3) as (2), struck out “(\$18,340,000 in the case of decedents dying, and gifts made, after 1992)” after “exceed \$21,040,000”, and struck out former par. (2) which related to the rates of tax on estates under this section for the years 1982 to 1992.

1987—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100-203, §10401(b)(2)(A)(i), substituted “under subsection (c)” for “in accordance with the rate schedule set forth in subsection (c)”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-203, §10401(b)(2)(A)(ii), substituted “the provisions of subsec. (c)” for “the rate schedule set forth in subsection (c)”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 100-203, §10401(a)(1), substituted “1993” for “1988”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(D). Pub. L. 100-203, §10401(a)(2), (3), substituted in heading “After 1983 and before 1993” for “For 1984, 1985, 1986, or 1987”, and in text “after 1983 and before 1993” for “in 1984, 1985, 1986, or 1987”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 100-203, §10401(b)(1), added par. (3).

1984—Subsec. (c)(2)(A), (D). Pub. L. 98-369 substituted “1988” for “1985” in subpar. (A) and substituted “1984, 1985, 1986, or 1987” for “1984” in heading and text of subpar. (D).

1981—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 97-34, §402(c), inserted “which would have been” before “payable” and “, if the rate schedule set forth in subsection (c) (as in effect at the decedent’s death) had been applicable at the time of such gifts” after “December 31, 1976.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-34, §402(a), (b)(1), designated existing provision as par. (1), inserted heading “In general” and substituted in table provision that if the amount computed is over \$2,500,000 then the tentative tax is \$1,025,800 plus 50% of the excess over \$2,500,000 for provisions that if the amount computed is over \$2,500,000 but not over \$3,000,000, then the tentative tax is \$1,025,800 plus 53% of the excess over \$2,500,000, over \$3,000,000 but not over \$3,500,000 then the tentative tax is \$1,290,800 plus 57% of the excess over \$3,000,000, over \$3,500,000 but not over \$4,000,000 then the tentative tax is \$1,575,800 plus 61% of the excess over \$3,500,000, over \$4,000,000 but not over \$4,500,000 then the tentative tax is \$1,880,800 plus 65% of the excess over \$4,000,000, over \$4,500,000 but not over \$5,000,000 then the tentative tax is \$2,205,800 plus 69% of the excess over \$4,500,000, over \$5,000,000 then the tentative tax is \$2,550,800 plus 70% of the excess over \$5,000,000, and added par. (2).

1978—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 95-600 added subsec. (e).

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 substituted provisions setting a unified rate schedule for estate and gift taxes ranging from 18 percent for the first \$10,000 in taxable transfers to 70 percent of taxable transfers in excess of \$5,000,000, with provision for adjustments for gift taxes paid by spouses, for provisions setting an estate tax of 7 percent of the first \$5,000 of the taxable estate to 77 percent of the taxable estate in excess of \$10,000,000.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §11061(c), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2091, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 2010 of this title] shall apply to estates of decedents dying and gifts made after December 31, 2017.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-240, title I, §101(c)(3), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2318, provided that:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by in this paragraph, the amendments made by this subsection [amending this section and section 2010 of this title] shall apply to estates of decedents dying, generation-skipping transfers, and gifts made, after December 31, 2012.

“(B) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—The amendment made by paragraph (2) [amending section 2010 of this title] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 303 of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 [Pub. L. 111-312].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-312, title III, §302(f), Dec. 17, 2010, 124 Stat. 3302, as amended by Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §206(b)(2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4027, provided that: “Except as otherwise provided in this section, the amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 2010, 2502, 2505 and 2511 of this title] shall apply to estates of decedents dying, generation-skipping transfers, and gifts made, after December 31, 2009.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-16, title V, §511(f)(1), (2), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 71, provided that:

“(1) SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (b).—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending this section] shall apply to estates of decedents dying, and gifts made, after December 31, 2001.

“(2) SUBSECTION (c).—The amendment made by subsection (c) [amending this section] shall apply to estates of decedents dying, and gifts made, after December 31, 2002.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective as if included in the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-34, to which such amendment relates, see section 4003(l) of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as a note under section 86 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-206 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-34, to which such amendment relates, see section 6024 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-34, title V, §501(f), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 847, as amended by Pub. L. 105-206, title VI, §6007(a)(2), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 807, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 2010, 2032A, 2102, 2503, 2505, 2631, 6018, and 6601 of this title] (other than the amendment made by subsection (d) [amending section 2631 of this title]) shall apply to the estates of decedents dying, and gifts made, after December 31, 1997.”

Pub. L. 105-34, title V, §506(e)(1), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 856, as amended by Pub. L. 105-206, title VI, §6007(e)(1), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 809, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a), (c), and (d) [enacting section 7477 of this title and amending this section and section 2504 of this title] shall apply to gifts made after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1997].”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13208(c), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 469, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 2101 of this title] shall apply in the case of decedents dying and gifts made after December 31, 1992.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10401(c), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-431, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 2502 of this title] shall apply in the case of decedents dying, and gifts made, after December 31, 1987.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §21(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 506, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to the estates of decedents dying after, and gifts made after, December 31, 1983.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 97-34, title IV, §402(d), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 301, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to estates of decedents dying after, and gifts made after, December 31, 1981.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-600, title VII, §702(h)(3), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2931, provided that: “The amendments made by this subsection [amending this section and section 2602 of this title] shall apply with respect to the estates of decedents dying after December 31, 1976, except that such amendments shall not apply to transfers made before January 1, 1977.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, §2001(d)(1), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1854, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) [enacting section 2010, amending this section and sections 2012 and 2035, and repealing section 2052 of this title] and (c)(1) [amending sections 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2038, 2044, 2101, 2102, 2104, 2106, 2107, 2206, 2207, and 6018 of this title] shall apply to the estates of decedents dying after December 31, 1976; except that the amendments made by subsection (a)(5) [amending section 2035 of this title] and subparagraphs (K) and (L) of subsection (c)(1) [amending sections 2038 and 2104 of this title] shall not apply to transfers made before January 1, 1977.”

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 91-614, §1(a), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1836, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 6905 of this title, section 1232a of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and section 1033 of former Title 31, Money and Finance, amending sections 56, 1015, 1223, 2012, 2032, 2055, 2204, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2512, 2513, 2515, 2521, 2522, 2523, 4061, 4063, 4216, 4251, 4491, 6019, 6040, 6075, 6091, 6161, 6212, 6214, 6324, 6412, 6416, 6501, 6504, and 6512 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 56, 2032, 2204, 2501, 4063, 4216, 4251, 4491, and 6905 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Excise, Estate, and Gift Tax Adjustment Act of 1970.’”

## SPECIAL ELECTION WITH RESPECT TO ESTATES OF DECEDENTS DYING IN 2010

Pub. L. 111-312, title III, §301(c), Dec. 17, 2010, 124 Stat. 3300, provided that: “Notwithstanding subsection (a) [amending sections 121, 170, 684, 1014, 1040, 1221, 1246, 1291, 1296, 4947, 6018, 6019, 6075, and 7701 of this title and repealing sections 1022, 2210, 2664, and 6716 of this title], in the case of an estate of a decedent dying after December 31, 2009, and before January 1, 2011, the executor (within the meaning of section 2203 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) may elect to apply such Code as though the amendments made by subsection (a) do not apply with respect to chapter 11 of such Code and with respect to property acquired or passing from such decedent (within the meaning of section 1014(b) of such Code). Such election shall be made at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s delegate shall provide. Such an election once made shall be revocable only with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s delegate. For purposes of section 2652(a)(1) of such Code, the determination of whether any property is subject to the tax imposed by such chapter 11 shall be made without regard to any election made under this subsection.”

## CLARIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES

Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title VI, §641, July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 939, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—Nothing in any provision of law exempting any property (or interest therein) from taxation shall exempt the transfer of such property (or interest therein) from Federal estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes. In the case of any provision of law enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 18, 1984], such provision shall not be treated as exempting the transfer of property from Federal estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes unless it refers to the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954].

“(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of subsection (a) shall apply to the estates of decedents dying, gifts made, and transfers made on or after June 19, 1984.

“(2) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSFERS TREATED AS TAXABLE.—The provisions of subsection (a) shall also apply in the case of any transfer of property (or interest therein) if at any time there was filed an estate

or gift tax return showing such transfer as subject to Federal estate or gift tax.

“(3) NO INFERENCE.—No inference shall arise from paragraphs (1) and (2) that any transfer of property (or interest therein) before June 19, 1984, is exempt from Federal estate and gift taxes.”

REPORTS WITH TRANSFERS OF PUBLIC HOUSING BONDS

Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title VI, §642, July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 939, provided that:

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—With respect to transfers of public housing bonds occurring after December 31, 1983, and before June 19, 1984, the taxpayer shall report the date and amount of such transfer and such other information as the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate shall prescribe by regulations to allow the determination of the tax and interest due if it is ultimately determined that such transfers are subject to estate, gift, or generation-skipping tax.

“(b) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT.—Any taxpayer failing to provide the information required by subsection (a) shall be liable for a penalty equal to 25 percent of the excess of (1) the estate, gift, or generation-skipping tax that is payable assuming that such transfers are subject to tax, over (2) the tax payable assuming such transfers are not so subject.”

§ 2002. Liability for payment

The tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid by the executor.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 374; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title V, §544(b)(1), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 894; Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7304(b)(2)(A), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2353.)

AMENDMENTS

1989—Pub. L. 101-239 substituted “The” for “Except as provided in section 2210, the”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-369 inserted exception phrase.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7304(b)(3), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2353, provided that: “The amendments made by this subsection [amending this section and section 6018 of this title and repealing section 2210 of this title] shall apply to estates of decedents dying after July 12, 1989.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title V, §544(d), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 894, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting section 2210 of this title and amending this section and sections 6018 and 6166 of this title] shall apply to those estates of decedents which are required to file returns on a date (including any extensions) after the date of enactment of this Act [July 18, 1984].”

PART II—CREDITS AGAINST TAX

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2010.	Unified credit against estate tax.
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AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §221(a)(95)(A)(i), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4051, which directed amendment of part II of subchapter A of chapter 11 of this title by striking item 2011 from the table of sections for “such subpart”, was executed by striking item 2011 “Credit for State death taxes” from the table of sections for this part, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2004—Pub. L. 108-311, title IV, §408(a)(20), Oct. 4, 2004, 118 Stat. 1192, added item 2011.

2001—Pub. L. 107-16, title V, §532(c)(13), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 75, struck out item 2011 “Credit for State death taxes”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, §2001(c)(1)(N)(ii), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1853, added item 2010.

§ 2010. Unified credit against estate tax

(a) General rule

A credit of the applicable credit amount shall be allowed to the estate of every decedent against the tax imposed by section 2001.

(b) Adjustment to credit for certain gifts made before 1977

The amount of the credit allowable under subsection (a) shall be reduced by an amount equal to 20 percent of the aggregate amount allowed as a specific exemption under section 2521 (as in effect before its repeal by the Tax Reform Act of 1976) with respect to gifts made by the decedent after September 8, 1976.

(c) Applicable credit amount

(1) In general

For purposes of this section, the applicable credit amount is the amount of the tentative tax which would be determined under section 2001(c) if the amount with respect to which such tentative tax is to be computed were equal to the applicable exclusion amount.

(2) Applicable exclusion amount

For purposes of this subsection, the applicable exclusion amount is the sum of—

- (A) the basic exclusion amount, and
- (B) in the case of a surviving spouse, the deceased spousal unused exclusion amount.

(3) Basic exclusion amount

(A) In general

For purposes of this subsection, the basic exclusion amount is \$5,000,000.

(B) Inflation adjustment

In the case of any decedent dying in a calendar year after 2011, the dollar amount in subparagraph (A) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

- (i) such dollar amount, multiplied by
- (ii) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for such calendar year by substituting “calendar year 2010” for “calendar year 2016” in subparagraph (A)(ii) thereof.

If any amount as adjusted under the preceding sentence is not a multiple of \$10,000, such amount shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10,000.

(C) Increase in basic exclusion amount

In the case of estates of decedents dying or gifts made after December 31, 2017, and before January 1, 2026, subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting “\$10,000,000” for “\$5,000,000”.

(4) Deceased spousal unused exclusion amount

For purposes of this subsection, with respect to a surviving spouse of a deceased spouse dying after December 31, 2010, the term “de-