

(Added Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1203(e), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1691; amended Pub. L. 110-28, title VIII, §8246(a)(2)(A)(i), (ii), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 201; Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §221(a)(109), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4053.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-295, which directed substitution of “year.” for “‘year’” and all that followed, was executed by substituting “year.” for “‘year.’” except that the first return period shall be the 6-month period beginning on January 1, 1977, and ending on June 30, 1977.”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2007—Pub. L. 110-28, §8246(a)(2)(A)(i), substituted “tax return preparers” for “income tax return preparers” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-28, §8246(a)(2)(A)(ii), substituted “a tax return preparer” for “an income tax return preparer” in two places, “each tax return preparer” for “each income tax return preparer”, and “another tax return preparer” for “another income tax return preparer”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-295 effective Dec. 19, 2014, subject to a savings provision, see section 221(b) of Pub. L. 113-295, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-28, title VIII, §8246(c), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 203, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 6103, 6107, 6109, 6503, 6694 to 6696, 7407, 7427, and 7701 of this title] shall apply to returns prepared after the date of the enactment of this Act [May 25, 2007].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to documents prepared after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1203(j) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 7701 of this title.

### PART IV—SIGNING AND VERIFYING OF RETURNS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

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#### § 6061. Signing of returns and other documents

##### (a) General rule

Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) and sections 6062 and 6063, any return, statement, or other document required to be made under any provision of the internal revenue laws or regulations shall be signed in accordance with forms or regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

##### (b) Electronic signatures

###### (1) In general

The Secretary shall develop procedures for the acceptance of signatures in digital or other electronic form. Until such time as such procedures are in place, the Secretary may—

(A) waive the requirement of a signature for; or

(B) provide for alternative methods of signing or subscribing,

a particular type or class of return, declaration, statement, or other document required

or permitted to be made or written under internal revenue laws and regulations.

##### (2) Treatment of alternative methods

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any return, declaration, statement, or other document filed and verified, signed, or subscribed under any method adopted under paragraph (1)(B) shall be treated for all purposes (both civil and criminal, including penalties for perjury) in the same manner as though signed or subscribed.

##### (3) Published guidance

###### (A) In general

The Secretary shall publish guidance as appropriate to define and implement any waiver of the signature requirements or any method adopted under paragraph (1).

###### (B) Electronic signatures for disclosure authorizations to, and other authorizations of, practitioners

Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph, the Secretary shall publish guidance to establish uniform standards and procedures for the acceptance of taxpayers' signatures appearing in electronic form with respect to any request for disclosure of a taxpayer's return or return information under section 6103(c) to a practitioner or any power of attorney granted by a taxpayer to a practitioner.

###### (C) Practitioner

For purposes of subparagraph (B), the term “practitioner” means any individual in good standing who is regulated under section 330 of title 31, United States Code.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 748; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 105-206, title II, §2003(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 724; Pub. L. 116-25, title II, §2302, July 1, 2019, 133 Stat. 1013.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this subparagraph, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 116-25, which was approved July 1, 2019.

#### AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 116-25 amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, text of par. (3) read as follows: “The Secretary shall publish guidance as appropriate to define and implement any waiver of the signature requirements or any method adopted under paragraph (1).”

1998—Pub. L. 105-206 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted subsec. heading, substituted “Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) and” for “Except as otherwise provided by”, and added subsec. (b).

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

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-206, title II, §2003(f), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 725, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 7502 of this title] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [July 22, 1998].”

#### § 6062. Signing of corporation returns

The return of a corporation with respect to income shall be signed by the president, vice-