

Sec.

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(a)(298), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1198, substituted “Failure to file tax return or to pay tax” for “Failure to file tax return or pay tax” in item 6651.

1996—Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1704(t)(19), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1888, struck out item 6662 “Applicable rules”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §§7721(c)(13), (14), 7742(b), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2400, 2405, added part heading, substituted “Failure to pay stamp tax” for “Additions to tax for negligence and fraud” in item 6653, substituted “of taxes” for “of taxes or overstatement of deposits” in item 6656, and struck out items 6659 “Addition to tax in the case of valuation overstatements for purposes of the income tax”, 6659A “Addition to tax in case of overstatements of pension liabilities”, 6660 “Addition to tax in the case of valuation understatement for purposes of estate or gift taxes”, and 6661 “Substantial understatement of liability”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XI, §1138(b), title XV, §1503(d)(2), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2486, 2743, substituted “Additions to tax for negligence and fraud” for “Failure to pay tax” in item 6653 and added item 6659A.

1984—Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §155(c)(2)(B), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 695, added item 6660.

1982—Pub. L. 97-248, title III, §323(b), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 615, added item 6661 and redesignated former item 6660 as 6662. See Codification note set out under section 6662 of this title.

1981—Pub. L. 97-34, title VII, §§722(a)(2), 724(b)(2), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 342, 345, inserted “or overstatement of deposits” in item 6656, added item 6659, and redesignated item 6659 as 6660.

1980—Pub. L. 96-589, §6(e)(2), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3408, added item 6658.

1979—Pub. L. 96-167, §6(b), Dec. 29, 1979, 93 Stat. 1276, struck out item 6658 “Addition to tax in case of jeopardy”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §1031(b)(1)(B)(ii), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 946, inserted “, registration statements, etc.” in item 6652.

1969—Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §943(c)(5), 83 Stat. 729, inserted “or pay tax” in item 6651.

**§ 6651. Failure to file tax return or to pay tax****(a) Addition to the tax**

In case of failure—

(1) to file any return required under authority of subchapter A of chapter 61 (other than part III thereof), subchapter A of chapter 51 (relating to distilled spirits, wines, and beer), or of subchapter A of chapter 52 (relating to tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, and cigarette papers and tubes), or of subchapter A of chapter 53 (relating to machine guns and certain other firearms), on the date prescribed therefor (determined with regard to any extension of time for filing), unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, there shall be added to the amount required to be shown as tax on such return 5 percent of the amount of such tax if the failure is for not more than 1 month, with an additional 5 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof during which such failure continues, not exceeding 25 percent in the aggregate;

(2) to pay the amount shown as tax on any return specified in paragraph (1) on or before the date prescribed for payment of such tax (determined with regard to any extension of time for payment), unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not

due to willful neglect, there shall be added to the amount shown as tax on such return 0.5 percent of the amount of such tax if the failure is for not more than 1 month, with an additional 0.5 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof during which such failure continues, not exceeding 25 percent in the aggregate; or

(3) to pay any amount in respect of any tax required to be shown on a return specified in paragraph (1) which is not so shown (including an assessment made pursuant to section 6213(b)) within 21 calendar days from the date of notice and demand therefor (10 business days if the amount for which such notice and demand is made equals or exceeds \$100,000), unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, there shall be added to the amount of tax stated in such notice and demand 0.5 percent of the amount of such tax if the failure is for not more than 1 month, with an additional 0.5 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof during which such failure continues, not exceeding 25 percent in the aggregate.

In the case of a failure to file a return of tax imposed by chapter 1 within 60 days of the date prescribed for filing of such return (determined with regard to any extensions of time for filing), unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, the addition to tax under paragraph (1) shall not be less than the lesser of \$435 or 100 percent of the amount required to be shown as tax on such return.

**(b) Penalty imposed on net amount due**

For purposes of—

(1) subsection (a)(1), the amount of tax required to be shown on the return shall be reduced by the amount of any part of the tax which is paid on or before the date prescribed for payment of the tax and by the amount of any credit against the tax which may be claimed on the return,

(2) subsection (a)(2), the amount of tax shown on the return shall, for purposes of computing the addition for any month, be reduced by the amount of any part of the tax which is paid on or before the beginning of such month and by the amount of any credit against the tax which may be claimed on the return, and

(3) subsection (a)(3), the amount of tax stated in the notice and demand shall, for the purpose of computing the addition for any month, be reduced by the amount of any part of the tax which is paid before the beginning of such month.

**(c) Limitations and special rule****(1) Additions under more than one paragraph**

With respect to any return, the amount of the addition under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) shall be reduced by the amount of the addition under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) for any month (or fraction thereof) to which an addition to tax applies under both paragraphs (1) and (2). In any case described in the last sentence of subsection (a), the amount of the addition under paragraph (1) of subsection (a)