

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-148 struck out second sentence which read as follows: “This section shall not be taken into account for purposes of determining whether any deduction is allowable with respect to any cost taken into account in determining such payment.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-148, title IX, §9012(b), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 868, as amended by Pub. L. 111-152, title I, §1407, Mar. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 1067, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to taxable years ending after Dec. 8, 2003, see section 1202(d) of Pub. L. 108-173, set out as an Effective Date of 2003 Amendment note under section 56 of this title.

§ 139B. Benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders**(a) In general**

In the case of any member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization, gross income shall not include—

- (1) any qualified State and local tax benefit, and
- (2) any qualified payment.

(b) Denial of double benefits

In the case of any member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization—

- (1) the deduction under 164 shall be determined with regard to any qualified State and local tax benefit, and
- (2) expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer in connection with the performance of services as such a member shall be taken into account under section 170 only to the extent such expenses exceed the amount of any qualified payment excluded from gross income under subsection (a).

(c) Definitions

For purposes of this section—

(1) Qualified State and local tax benefit

The term “qualified state and local tax benefit” means any reduction or rebate of a tax described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 164(a) provided by a State or political division thereof on account of services performed as a member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization.

(2) Qualified payment**(A) In general**

The term “qualified payment” means any payment (whether reimbursement or otherwise) provided by a State or political division thereof on account of the performance of services as a member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization.

(B) Applicable dollar limitation

The amount determined under subparagraph (A) for any taxable year shall not exceed \$50 multiplied by the number of months during such year that the taxpayer performs such services.

(3) Qualified volunteer emergency response organization

The term “qualified volunteer emergency response organization” means any volunteer organization—

(A) which is organized and operated to provide firefighting or emergency medical services for persons in the State or political subdivision, as the case may be, and

(B) which is required (by written agreement) by the State or political subdivision to furnish firefighting or emergency medical services in such State or political subdivision.

(Added Pub. L. 110-142, §5(a), Dec. 20, 2007, 121 Stat. 1805; amended Pub. L. 116-94, div. O, title III, §301(a), (b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3175; Pub. L. 116-260, div. EE, title I, §103(a), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3040.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-260 struck out subsec. (d). Text read as follows: “This section shall not apply with respect to taxable years beginning—

“(1) after December 31, 2010, and before January 1, 2020, or

“(2) after December 31, 2020.”

2019—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-94, §301(a), substituted “\$50” for “\$30”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-94, §301(b), substituted “beginning—” for “beginning after December 31, 2010.” and added pars. (1) and (2).

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-260, div. EE, title I, §103(b), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3040, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2019 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-94, div. O, title III, §301(d), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3175, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 3121 of this title] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 110-142, §5(c), Dec. 20, 2007, 121 Stat. 1806, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.”

[§ 139C. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, § 401(d)(7)(C), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1212]

Section, added Pub. L. 111-5, div. B, title III, §3001(a)(15)(A), Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 465; amended Pub. L. 111-144, §3(b)(5)(B), Mar. 2, 2010, 124 Stat. 44, related to COBRA premium assistance.

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SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in repeal 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.