

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-121, title I, §107(b), Nov. 11, 2003, 117 Stat. 1339, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-147 effective as if included in the provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-16, to which such amendment relates, see section 411(x) of Pub. L. 107-147, set out as a note under section 25B of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-22 effective July 26, 2001, see section 1(c) of Pub. L. 107-22, set out as a note under section 26 of this title.

Amendment by section 401(a)(1), (b)-(g)(1), (2)(C) of Pub. L. 107-16 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2001, see section 401(h) of Pub. L. 107-16, set out as a note under section 25A of this title.

Amendment by section 402(a)(4)(A), (C) of Pub. L. 107-16 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2001, see section 402(h) of Pub. L. 107-16, set out as a note under section 72 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

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

Section applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1997, see section 213(f) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as an Effective Date of 1997 Amendment note under section 26 of this title.

SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in amendment by section 401(b)(23) of 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.

Subchapter G—Corporations Used to Avoid Income Tax on Shareholders

Part	
I.	Corporations improperly accumulating surplus.
II.	Personal holding companies.
[III.]	Repealed.]
IV.	Deduction for dividends paid.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-357, title IV, §413(c)(31), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1509, struck out item for part III “Foreign personal holding companies”.

PART I—CORPORATIONS IMPROPERLY ACCUMULATING SURPLUS

Sec.	
531.	Imposition of accumulated earnings tax.
532.	Corporations subject to accumulated earnings tax.
533.	Evidence of purpose to avoid income tax.
534.	Burden of proof.
535.	Accumulated taxable income.
536.	Income not placed on annual basis.
537.	Reasonable needs of the business.

§ 531. Imposition of accumulated earnings tax

In addition to other taxes imposed by this chapter, there is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the accumulated taxable income (as defined in section 535) of each corporation described in section 532, an accumulated earnings tax equal to 20 percent of the accumulated taxable income.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 179; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §1001(a)(2)(A), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3349; Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §§13201(b)(1), 13202(b), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 459, 461; Pub. L. 107-16, title I, §101(c)(4), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 43; Pub. L. 108-27, title III, §302(e)(5), May 28, 2003, 117 Stat. 764; Pub. L. 112-240, title I, §102(c)(1)(A), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2319.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-240 substituted “20 percent” for “15 percent”.

2003—Pub. L. 108-27 substituted “equal to 15 percent of the accumulated taxable income.” for “equal to the product of the highest rate of tax under section 1(c) and the accumulated taxable income.”

2001—Pub. L. 107-16 substituted “equal to the product of the highest rate of tax under section 1(c) and the accumulated taxable income.” for “equal to 39.6 percent of the accumulated taxable income.”

1993—Pub. L. 103-66, §13202(b), substituted “39.6 percent” for “36 percent”.

Pub. L. 103-66, §13201(b)(1), substituted “36 percent” for “28 percent”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-647 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “In addition to other taxes imposed by this chapter, there is hereby imposed for each taxable year on the accumulated taxable income (as defined in section 535) of every corporation described in section 532, an accumulated earnings tax equal to the sum of—

“(1) 27½ percent of the accumulated taxable income not in excess of \$100,000, plus

“(2) 38½ percent of the accumulated taxable income in excess of \$100,000.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-240 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2012, see section 102(d)(1) of Pub. L. 112-240, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-27 applicable, except as otherwise provided, to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2002, see section 302(f) of Pub. L. 108-27, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2003 Amendment note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-16 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2000, see section 101(d)(1) of Pub. L. 107-16, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2001 Amendment note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-66 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1992, see sections 13201(c) and 13202(c) of Pub. L. 103-66, set out as notes under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §1001(a)(2)(B), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3349, provided that: “The amendment made by