

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. 566, 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, 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.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

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

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

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### 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

Sec.

2010.	Unified credit against estate tax.
[2011.	Repealed.]
2012.	Credit for gift tax.
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#### Editorial Notes

##### 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 “deceased spousal unused exclusion amount” means the lesser of—

- (A) the basic exclusion amount, or
- (B) the excess of—
  - (i) the applicable exclusion amount of the last such deceased spouse of such surviving spouse, over
  - (ii) the amount with respect to which the tentative tax is determined under section 2001(b)(1) on the estate of such deceased spouse.

###### (5) Special rules

###### (A) Election required

A deceased spousal unused exclusion amount may not be taken into account by a surviving spouse under paragraph (2) unless the executor of the estate of the deceased spouse files an estate tax return on which such amount is computed and makes an election on such return that such amount may be so taken into account. Such election, once made, shall be irrevocable. No