

Amendment by section 702(n)(4) of Pub. L. 95-600 effective as if included in this chapter as added by section 2006 of Pub. L. 94-455, see section 702(n)(5) of Pub. L. 95-600, set out as a note under section 2613 of this title.

§ 2603. Liability for tax

(a) Personal liability

(1) Taxable distributions

In the case of a taxable distribution, the tax imposed by section 2601 shall be paid by the transferee.

(2) Taxable termination

In the case of a taxable termination or a direct skip from a trust, the tax shall be paid by the trustee.

(3) Direct skip

In the case of a direct skip (other than a direct skip from a trust), the tax shall be paid by the transferor.

(b) Source of tax

Unless otherwise directed pursuant to the governing instrument by specific reference to the tax imposed by this chapter, the tax imposed by this chapter on a generation-skipping transfer shall be charged to the property constituting such transfer.

(c) Cross reference

For provisions making estate and gift tax provisions with respect to transferee liability, liens, and related matters applicable to the tax imposed by section 2601, see section 2661.

(Added Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, §2006(a), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1881; amended Pub. L. 99-514, title XIV, §1431(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2718.)

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1986—Pub. L. 99-514 amended section generally, substituting tax liability provisions consisting of language placing liability, under different circumstances, on the transferee, the trustee, or the transferor, the source of the tax, and a cross reference to section 2661 for former provisions which covered the question of liability for tax with language covering the trustee and the distributee, the limitation on personal liability of the trustee who relied on certain information furnished by the Secretary, the limitation on personal liability of distributee, and the lien on property transferred until the tax was paid in full or became unenforceable by reason of lapse of time.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Section applicable to generation-skipping transfers (within the meaning of section 2611 of this title) made after Oct. 22, 1986, except as otherwise provided, see section 1433 of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 2601 of this title.

[§ 2604. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, § 221(a)(95)(B)(i), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4051]

Section, added Pub. L. 99-514, title XIV, §1431(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2718; amended Pub. L. 107-16, title V, §532(c)(10), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 75, related to credit for certain State generation-skipping transfer taxes.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

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

Subchapter B—Generation-Skipping Transfers

Sec.

2611.	Generation-skipping transfer defined.
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2613.	Skip person and non-skip person defined.

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1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XIV, §1431(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2718, substituted “Generation-Skipping Transfers” for “Definitions and Special Rules” in subchapter heading, substituted “Generation-skipping transfer defined” for “Generation-skipping transfer” in item 2611, “Taxable termination; taxable distribution; direct skip” for “Deemed transferor” in item 2612, and “Skip person and non-skip person defined” for “Other definitions” in item 2613, and struck out item 2614 “Special rules”.

§ 2611. Generation-skipping transfer defined

(a) In general

For purposes of this chapter, the term “generation-skipping transfer” means—

- (1) a taxable distribution,
- (2) a taxable termination, and
- (3) a direct skip.

(b) Certain transfers excluded

The term “generation-skipping transfer” does not include—

- (1) any transfer which, if made inter vivos by an individual, would not be treated as a taxable gift by reason of section 2503(e) (relating to exclusion of certain transfers for educational or medical expenses), and
- (2) any transfer to the extent—
 - (A) the property transferred was subject to a prior tax imposed under this chapter,
 - (B) the transferee in the prior transfer was assigned to the same generation as (or a lower generation than) the generation assignment of the transferee in this transfer, and
 - (C) such transfers do not have the effect of avoiding tax under this chapter with respect to any transfer.

(Added Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, §2006(a), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1882; amended Pub. L. 99-514, title XIV, §1431(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2718; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §§1014(g)(1), (2), 1018(u)(43), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3562, 3592.)

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1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-647, §§1014(g)(1), 1018(u)(43), substituted “generation-skipping transfer” for “generation-skipping transfers” and “means” for “mean”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-647, §1014(g)(2), redesignated pars. (2) and (3) as (1) and (2), respectively, and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “any transfer (other than a direct skip) from a trust, to the extent

such transfer is subject to a tax imposed by chapter 11 or 12 with respect to a person in the 1st generation below that of the grantor, and”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 amended section generally, substituting provisions defining “generation-skipping transfers” and what that term does not include, for former provisions which defined “generation-skipping transfer”, “transfer”, and “generation-skipping trust”, contained provisions to be used in determining the ascertainment of generation, and provided for a generation-skipping trust equivalent.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Section applicable to generation-skipping transfers (within the meaning of section 2611 of this title) made after Oct. 22, 1986, except as otherwise provided, see section 1433 of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 2601 of this title.

§ 2612. Taxable termination; taxable distribution; direct skip

(a) Taxable termination

(1) General rule

For purposes of this chapter, the term “taxable termination” means the termination (by death, lapse of time, release of power, or otherwise) of an interest in property held in a trust unless—

(A) immediately after such termination, a non-skip person has an interest in such property, or

(B) at no time after such termination may a distribution (including distributions on termination) be made from such trust to a skip person.

(2) Certain partial terminations treated as taxable

If, upon the termination of an interest in property held in trust by reason of the death of a lineal descendant of the transferor, a specified portion of the trust’s assets are distributed to 1 or more skip persons (or 1 or more trusts for the exclusive benefit of such persons), such termination shall constitute a taxable termination with respect to such portion of the trust property.

(b) Taxable distribution

For purposes of this chapter, the term “taxable distribution” means any distribution from a trust to a skip person (other than a taxable termination or a direct skip).

(c) Direct skip

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) In general

The term “direct skip” means a transfer subject to a tax imposed by chapter 11 or 12 of an interest in property to a skip person.

(2) Look-thru rules not to apply

Solely for purposes of determining whether any transfer to a trust is a direct skip, the rules of section 2651(f)(2) shall not apply.

(Added Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, §2006(a), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1883; amended Pub. L. 99-514, title XIV, §1431(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2719; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §1014(g)(5)(B), (7), (15), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3564-3566; Pub. L. 105-34, title V, §511(b), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 861.)

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1997—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 105-34, §511(b)(2), substituted “section 2651(f)(2)” for “section 2651(e)(2)”.

Pub. L. 105-34, §511(b)(1), redesignated par. (3) as (2) and struck out heading and text of former par. (2). Text read as follows: “For purposes of determining whether any transfer is a direct skip, if—

“(A) an individual is a grandchild of the transferor (or the transferor’s spouse or former spouse), and

“(B) as of the time of the transfer, the parent of such individual who is a lineal descendant of the transferor (or the transferor’s spouse or former spouse) is dead,

such individual shall be treated as if such individual were a child of the transferor and all of that grandchild’s children shall be treated as if they were grandchildren of the transferor. In the case of lineal descendants below a grandchild, the preceding sentence may be reapplied. If any transfer of property to a trust would be a direct skip but for this paragraph, any generation assignment under this paragraph shall apply also for purposes of applying this chapter to transfers from the portion of the trust attributable to such property.”

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 105-34, §511(b)(1), redesignated par. (3) as (2).

1988—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 100-647, §1014(g)(15), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “If, upon the termination of an interest in property held in a trust, a specified portion of the trust assets are distributed to skip persons who are lineal descendants of the holder of such interest (or to 1 or more trusts for the exclusive benefit of such persons), such termination shall constitute a taxable termination with respect to such portion of the trust property.”

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 100-647, §1014(g)(7), in closing provisions, inserted at end “If any transfer of property to a trust would be a direct skip but for this paragraph, any generation assignment under this paragraph shall apply also for purposes of applying this chapter to transfers from the portion of the trust attributable to such property.”

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 100-647, §1014(g)(5)(B), added par. (3).

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 amended section generally, substituting provisions covering definition and application of “taxable termination”, “taxable distribution”, and “direct skip” for former provisions which indicated who the “deemed transferor” would be for purposes of this chapter and that, for purposes of determining the person deemed the transferor, a parent related to the grantor of a trust by blood or adoption was to be deemed more closely related than a parent related to a grantor by marriage.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-34, title V, §511(c), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 861, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 2651 of this title] shall apply to terminations, distributions, and transfers occurring after December 31, 1997.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.