DELAY OF ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER REQUIREMENT

Pub. L. 104–188, title I, §1809, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1904, provided that: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the increase in the applicable required percentages for fiscal year 1997 in clauses (i)(IV) and (ii)(IV) of section 6302(h)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not take effect before July 1, 1997."

#### DEPOSITARY SCHEDULES

Pub. L. 98–76, title II, §226, Aug. 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 426, as amended by Pub. L. 99–514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: "Effective on and after January 1, 1984, the times for making payments prescribed under section 6302 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] with respect to the taxes imposed by chapter 22 of such Code shall be the same as the times prescribed under such section which apply to the taxes imposed by chapters 21 and 24 of such Code."

Pub. L. 98-76, title II, §227(c), Aug. 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 426, provided that: "Section 226 [set out above] shall take effect on January 1, 1984."

#### § 6303. Notice and demand for tax

#### (a) General rule

Where it is not otherwise provided by this title, the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, and within 60 days, after the making of an assessment of a tax pursuant to section 6203, give notice to each person liable for the unpaid tax, stating the amount and demanding payment thereof. Such notice shall be left at the dwelling or usual place of business of such person, or shall be sent by mail to such person's last known address.

## (b) Assessment prior to last date for payment

Except where the Secretary believes collection would be jeopardized by delay, if any tax is assessed prior to the last date prescribed for payment of such tax, payment of such tax shall not be demanded under subsection (a) until after such date.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 775; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX,  $\S1906(b)(13)(A)$ , Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

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### AMENDMENTS

 $1976\mathrm{-\!Pub}.\ \mathrm{LL}.\ 94\mathrm{-\!455}$  struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary" wherever appearing.

## § 6304. Fair tax collection practices

# (a) Communication with the taxpayer

Without the prior consent of the taxpayer given directly to the Secretary or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction, the Secretary may not communicate with a taxpayer in connection with the collection of any unpaid tax—

- (1) at any unusual time or place or a time or place known or which should be known to be inconvenient to the taxpayer;
- (2) if the Secretary knows the taxpayer is represented by any person authorized to practice before the Internal Revenue Service with respect to such unpaid tax and has knowledge of, or can readily ascertain, such person's name and address, unless such person fails to respond within a reasonable period of time to a communication from the Secretary or unless

such person consents to direct communication with the taxpayer; or

(3) at the taxpayer's place of employment if the Secretary knows or has reason to know that the taxpayer's employer prohibits the taxpayer from receiving such communication.

In the absence of knowledge of circumstances to the contrary, the Secretary shall assume that the convenient time for communicating with a taxpayer is after 8 a.m. and before 9 p.m., local time at the taxpayer's location.

#### (b) Prohibition of harassment and abuse

The Secretary may not engage in any conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse any person in connection with the collection of any unpaid tax. Without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the following conduct is a violation of this subsection:

- (1) The use or threat of use of violence or other criminal means to harm the physical person, reputation, or property of any person.
- (2) The use of obscene or profane language or language the natural consequence of which is to abuse the hearer or reader.
- (3) Causing a telephone to ring or engaging any person in telephone conversation repeatedly or continuously with intent to annoy, abuse, or harass any person at the called number.
- (4) Except as provided under rules similar to the rules in section 804 of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692b), the placement of telephone calls without meaningful disclosure of the caller's identity.

## (c) Civil action for violations of section

# For civil action for violations of this section, see section 7433.

(Added Pub. L. 105–206, title III, §3466(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 768.)

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# PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 6304, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 776, related to a cross reference to sections 4504 and 4601 for collection under the Tariff Act of 1930, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, \$1906(a)(18), (d)(1), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1825, 1835, effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976.

## Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3466(c), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 769, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [July 22, 1998]."

### § 6305. Collection of certain liability

## (a) In general

Upon receiving a certification from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, under section 452(b) of the Social Security Act with respect to any individual, the Secretary shall assess and collect the amount certified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in the same manner, with the same powers, and (except