

tion [amending this section and sections 72, 101, and 2039 of this title] apply to taxable years ending on or after September 21, 1972. The amendments made by paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (b) [amending sections 101 and 2039 of this title] apply with respect to individuals dying on or after such date”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 89-365, §1(d), Mar. 10, 1966, 80 Stat. 33, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [enacting this section and amending section 72 of this title] shall apply with respect to taxable years ending after December 31, 1965. The amendment made by subsection (c) [amending section 101 of this title] shall apply with respect to individuals making an election under chapter 73 of title 10 of the United States Code who die after December 31, 1965.”

### § 123. Amounts received under insurance contracts for certain living expenses

#### (a) General rule

In the case of an individual whose principal residence is damaged or destroyed by fire, storm, or other casualty, or who is denied access to his principal residence by governmental authorities because of the occurrence or threat of occurrence of such a casualty, gross income does not include amounts received by such individual under an insurance contract which are paid to compensate or reimburse such individual for living expenses incurred for himself and members of his household resulting from the loss of use or occupancy of such residence.

#### (b) Limitation

Subsection (a) shall apply to amounts received by the taxpayer for living expenses incurred during any period only to the extent the amounts received do not exceed the amount by which—

- (1) the actual living expenses incurred during such period for himself and members of his household resulting from the loss of use or occupancy of their residence, exceed
- (2) the normal living expenses which would have been incurred for himself and members of his household during such period.

(Added Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §901(a), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 709.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 123 was renumbered section 140 of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §901(c), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 709, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply with respect to amounts received on or after January 1, 1969.”

### [§ 124. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, § 11801(a)(9), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-520]

Section, added Pub. L. 95-618, title II, §242(a), Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3193, related to qualified transportation provided by employers.

A prior section 124 was renumbered section 140 of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in repeal by Pub. L. 101-508 be construed to affect treatment of certain

transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Nov. 5, 1990, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 11821(b) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 45K of this title.

### § 125. Cafeteria plans

#### (a) General rule

Except as provided in subsection (b), no amount shall be included in the gross income of a participant in a cafeteria plan solely because, under the plan, the participant may choose among the benefits of the plan.

#### (b) Exception for highly compensated participants and key employees

##### (1) Highly compensated participants

In the case of a highly compensated participant, subsection (a) shall not apply to any benefit attributable to a plan year for which the plan discriminates in favor of—

- (A) highly compensated individuals as to eligibility to participate, or
- (B) highly compensated participants as to contributions and benefits.

##### (2) Key employees

In the case of a key employee (within the meaning of section 416(i)(1)), subsection (a) shall not apply to any benefit attributable to a plan for which the qualified benefits provided to key employees exceed 25 percent of the aggregate of such benefits provided for all employees under the plan. For purposes of the preceding sentence, qualified benefits shall be determined without regard to the second sentence of subsection (f).

##### (3) Year of inclusion

For purposes of determining the taxable year of inclusion, any benefit described in paragraph (1) or (2) shall be treated as received or accrued in the taxable year of the participant or key employee in which the plan year ends.

#### (c) Discrimination as to benefits or contributions

For purposes of subparagraph (B) of subsection (b)(1), a cafeteria plan does not discriminate where qualified benefits and total benefits (or employer contributions allocable to qualified benefits and employer contributions for total benefits) do not discriminate in favor of highly compensated participants.

#### (d) Cafeteria plan defined

For purposes of this section—

##### (1) In general

The term “cafeteria plan” means a written plan under which—

- (A) all participants are employees, and
- (B) the participants may choose among 2 or more benefits consisting of cash and qualified benefits.

##### (2) Deferred compensation plans excluded

###### (A) In general

The term “cafeteria plan” does not include any plan which provides for deferred compensation.