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26 USC 512 note.

(1) SUBSECTION (a).—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to payments received or accrued after December 31, 2005.

26 USC 6033 note.

(2) SUBSECTION (b).—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply to returns the due date (determined without regard to extensions) of which is after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1206. ENCOURAGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAPITAL GAIN REAL PROPERTY MADE FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

26 USC 170.

(1) INDIVIDUALS.—Paragraph (1) of section 170(b) (relating to percentage limitations) is amended by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively, and by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following new subparagraph:

“(E) CONTRIBUTIONS OF QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTIONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Any qualified conservation contribution (as defined in subsection (h)(1)) shall be allowed to the extent the aggregate of such contributions does not exceed the excess of 50 percent of the taxpayer’s contribution base over the amount of all other charitable contributions allowable under this paragraph.

“(ii) CARRYOVER.—If the aggregate amount of contributions described in clause (i) exceeds the limitation of clause (i), such excess shall be treated (in a manner consistent with the rules of subsection (d)(1)) as a charitable contribution to which clause (i) applies in each of the 15 succeeding years in order of time.

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“(iii) COORDINATION WITH OTHER SUBPARAGRAPHS.—For purposes of applying this subsection and subsection (d)(1), contributions described in clause (i) shall not be treated as described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) and such subparagraphs shall apply without regard to such contributions.

Applicability.

“(iv) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURE OR LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—If the individual is a qualified farmer or rancher for the taxable year for which the contribution is made, clause (i) shall be applied by substituting ‘100 percent’ for ‘50 percent’.

“(II) EXCEPTION.—Subclause (I) shall not apply to any contribution of property made after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph which is used in agriculture or livestock production (or available for such production) unless such contribution is subject to a restriction that such property remain available for such production. This subparagraph shall be applied separately with respect to property to which subclause (I) does not apply by reason of the preceding sentence prior to its application to property to which subclause (I) does apply.

“(v) DEFINITION.—For purposes of clause (iv), the term ‘qualified farmer or rancher’ means a taxpayer whose gross income from the trade or business of farming (within the meaning of section 2032A(e)(5)) is greater than 50 percent of the taxpayer’s gross income for the taxable year.

“(vi) TERMINATION.—This subparagraph shall not apply to any contribution made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.”

(2) CORPORATIONS.—Paragraph (2) of section 170(b) is amended to read as follows: 26 USC 170.

“(2) CORPORATIONS.—In the case of a corporation—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The total deductions under subsection (a) for any taxable year (other than for contributions to which subparagraph (B) applies) shall not exceed 10 percent of the taxpayer’s taxable income.

“(B) QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTIONS BY CERTAIN CORPORATE FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Any qualified conservation contribution (as defined in subsection (h)(1))—

“(I) which is made by a corporation which, for the taxable year during which the contribution is made, is a qualified farmer or rancher (as defined in paragraph (1)(E)(v)) and the stock of which is not readily tradable on an established securities market at any time during such year, and

“(II) which, in the case of contributions made after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph, is a contribution of property which is used in agriculture or livestock production (or available for such production) and which is subject to a restriction that such property remain available for such production,

shall be allowed to the extent the aggregate of such contributions does not exceed the excess of the taxpayer’s taxable income over the amount of charitable contributions allowable under subparagraph (A).

“(ii) CARRYOVER.—If the aggregate amount of contributions described in clause (i) exceeds the limitation of clause (i), such excess shall be treated (in a manner consistent with the rules of subsection (d)(2)) as a charitable contribution to which clause (i) applies in each of the 15 succeeding years in order of time.

Applicability.

“(iii) TERMINATION.—This subparagraph shall not apply to any contribution made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.

“(C) TAXABLE INCOME.—For purposes of this paragraph, taxable income shall be computed without regard to—

“(i) this section,

“(ii) part VIII (except section 248),

“(iii) any net operating loss carryback to the taxable year under section 172,

“(iv) section 199, and

“(v) any capital loss carryback to the taxable year under section 1212(a)(1).”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

26 USC 170.

(1) Paragraph (2) of section 170(d) is amended by striking “subsection (b)(2)” each place it appears and inserting “subsection (b)(2)(A)”.

(2) Section 545(b)(2) is amended by striking “and (D)” and inserting “(D), and (E)”.

26 USC 170 note.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to contributions made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005.

SEC. 1207. EXCISE TAXES EXEMPTION FOR BLOOD COLLECTOR ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) EXEMPTION FROM IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL FUELS TAX.—Section 4041(g) (relating to other exemptions) is amended by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (3), by striking the period in paragraph (4) and inserting “; and”, and by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

“(5) with respect to the sale of any liquid to a qualified blood collector organization (as defined in section 7701(a)(49)) for such organization’s exclusive use in the collection, storage, or transportation of blood.”.

(b) EXEMPTION FROM MANUFACTURERS EXCISE TAX.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4221(a) (relating to certain tax-free sales) is amended by striking “or” at the end of paragraph (4), by adding “or” at the end of paragraph (5), and by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

“(6) to a qualified blood collector organization (as defined in section 7701(a)(49)) for such organization’s exclusive use in the collection, storage, or transportation of blood,”.

(2) NO EXEMPTION WITH RESPECT TO VACCINES AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT.—Section 4221(a) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: “In the case of taxes imposed by subchapter C or D, paragraph (6) shall not apply.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) The second sentence of section 4221(a) is amended by striking “Paragraphs (4) and (5)” and inserting “Paragraphs (4), (5), and (6)”.

(B) Section 6421(c) is amended by striking “or (5)” and inserting “(5), or (6)”.

(c) EXEMPTION FROM COMMUNICATION EXCISE TAX.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4253 (relating to exemptions) is amended by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection (l) and inserting after subsection (j) the following new subsection:

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“(k) EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFIED BLOOD COLLECTOR ORGANIZATIONS.—Under regulations provided by the Secretary, no tax shall be imposed under section 4251 on any amount paid by a qualified blood collector organization (as defined in section 7701(a)(49)) for services or facilities furnished to such organization.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4253(l), as redesignated by paragraph (1), is amended by striking “or (j)” and inserting “(j), or (k)”.

(d) EXEMPTION FROM TAX ON HEAVY VEHICLES.—Section 4483 is amended by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i) and by inserting after subsection (g) the following new subsection:

“(h) EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLES USED IN BLOOD COLLECTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No tax shall be imposed by section 4481 on the use of any qualified blood collector vehicle by a qualified blood collector organization.

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “10 percent” and inserting “20 percent”, and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “2½ percent” and inserting “5 percent”.

(2) INCREASED LIMITATION FOR MANAGERS.—Section 4945(c)(2) is amended—

26 USC 4945.

(A) by striking “\$5,000,” and inserting “\$10,000,” and

(B) by striking “\$10,000.” and inserting “\$20,000.”.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

26 USC 4941
note.

SEC. 1213. REFORM OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN REGISTERED HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND REDUCED DEDUCTION FOR PORTION OF QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION ATTRIBUTABLE TO REHABILITATION CREDIT.

(a) SPECIAL RULES WITH RESPECT TO BUILDINGS IN REGISTERED HISTORIC DISTRICTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 170(h) (relating to definition of conservation purpose) is amended by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C) and by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

“(B) SPECIAL RULES WITH RESPECT TO BUILDINGS IN REGISTERED HISTORIC DISTRICTS.—In the case of any contribution of a qualified real property interest which is a restriction with respect to the exterior of a building described in subparagraph (C)(ii), such contribution shall not be considered to be exclusively for conservation purposes unless—

“(i) such interest—

“(I) includes a restriction which preserves the entire exterior of the building (including the front, sides, rear, and height of the building), and

“(II) prohibits any change in the exterior of the building which is inconsistent with the historical character of such exterior,

“(ii) the donor and donee enter into a written agreement certifying, under penalty of perjury, that the donee—

“(I) is a qualified organization (as defined in paragraph (3)) with a purpose of environmental protection, land conservation, open space preservation, or historic preservation, and

“(II) has the resources to manage and enforce the restriction and a commitment to do so, and

“(iii) in the case of any contribution made in a taxable year beginning after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph, the taxpayer includes with the taxpayer’s return for the taxable year of the contribution—

“(I) a qualified appraisal (within the meaning of subsection (f)(11)(E)) of the qualified property interest,

“(II) photographs of the entire exterior of the building, and

“(III) a description of all restrictions on the development of the building.”.

(b) **DISALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION FOR STRUCTURES AND LAND IN REGISTERED HISTORIC DISTRICTS.**—Subparagraph (C) of section 170(h)(4), as redesignated by subsection (a), is amended—

(1) by striking “any building, structure, or land area which”,

(2) by inserting “any building, structure, or land area which” before “is listed” in clause (i), and

(3) by inserting “any building which” before “is located” in clause (ii).

(c) **FILING FEE FOR CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS.**—Subsection (f) of section 170 (relating to disallowance of deduction in certain cases and special rules) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(13) **CONTRIBUTIONS OF CERTAIN INTERESTS IN BUILDINGS LOCATED IN REGISTERED HISTORIC DISTRICTS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—No deduction shall be allowed with respect to any contribution described in subparagraph (B) unless the taxpayer includes with the return for the taxable year of the contribution a \$500 filing fee.

“(B) **CONTRIBUTION DESCRIBED.**—A contribution is described in this subparagraph if such contribution is a qualified conservation contribution (as defined in subsection (h)) which is a restriction with respect to the exterior of a building described in subsection (h)(4)(C)(ii) and for which a deduction is claimed in excess of \$10,000.

“(C) **DEDICATION OF FEE.**—Any fee collected under this paragraph shall be used for the enforcement of the provisions of subsection (h).”.

(d) **REDUCED DEDUCTION FOR PORTION OF QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE REHABILITATION CREDIT.**—Subsection (f) of section 170, as amended by subsection (c), is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(14) **REDUCTION FOR AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO REHABILITATION CREDIT.**—In the case of any qualified conservation contribution (as defined in subsection (h)), the amount of the deduction allowed under this section shall be reduced by an amount which bears the same ratio to the fair market value of the contribution as—

“(A) the sum of the credits allowed to the taxpayer under section 47 for the 5 preceding taxable years with respect to any building which is a part of such contribution, bears to

“(B) the fair market value of the building on the date of the contribution.”.

26 USC 170 note.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—

(1) **SPECIAL RULES FOR BUILDINGS IN REGISTERED HISTORIC DISTRICTS.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to contributions made after July 25, 2006.

(2) **DISALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION FOR STRUCTURES AND LAND; REDUCTION FOR REHABILITATION CREDIT.**—The amendments made by subsections (b) and (d) shall apply to contributions made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) **FILING FEE.**—The amendment made by subsection (c) shall apply to contributions made 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

“(I) the date that is 10 years after the date of the initial fractional contribution, or

“(II) the date of the death of the donor, and
“(ii) in any case in which the donee has not, during the period beginning on the date of the initial fractional contribution and ending on the date described in clause (i)—

“(I) had substantial physical possession of the property, and

“(II) used the property in a use which is related to a purpose or function constituting the basis for the organizations’ exemption under section 501.

“(B) ADDITION TO TAX.—The tax imposed under this chapter for any taxable year for which there is a recapture under subparagraph (A) shall be increased by 10 percent of the amount so recaptured.

“(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION.—The term ‘additional contribution’ means any gift for which a deduction is allowed under subsection (a) or (b) of any interest in a property with respect to which the donor has previously made an initial fractional contribution.

“(B) INITIAL FRACTIONAL CONTRIBUTION.—The term ‘initial fractional contribution’ means, with respect to any donor, the first gift of an undivided portion of the donor’s entire interest in any tangible personal property for which a deduction is allowed under subsection (a) or (b).”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to contributions, bequests, and gifts made after the date of the enactment of this Act. 26 USC 170 note.

SEC. 1219. PROVISIONS RELATING TO SUBSTANTIAL AND GROSS OVERSTATEMENTS OF VALUATIONS.

(a) MODIFICATION OF THRESHOLDS FOR SUBSTANTIAL AND GROSS VALUATION MISSTATEMENTS.—

(1) SUBSTANTIAL VALUATION MISSTATEMENT.—

(A) INCOME TAXES.—Subparagraph (A) of section 6662(e)(1) (relating to substantial valuation misstatement under chapter 1) is amended by striking “200 percent” and inserting “150 percent”.

26 USC 6662.

(B) ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES.—Paragraph (1) of section 6662(g) is amended by striking “50 percent” and inserting “65 percent”.

(2) GROSS VALUATION MISSTATEMENT.—

(A) INCOME TAXES.—Clauses (i) and (ii) of section 6662(h)(2)(A) (relating to increase in penalty in case of gross valuation misstatements) are amended to read as follows:

“(i) in paragraph (1)(A), ‘200 percent’ for ‘150 percent’,

“(ii) in paragraph (1)(B)(i)—

“(I) ‘400 percent’ for ‘200 percent’, and

“(II) ‘25 percent’ for ‘50 percent’, and”.

(B) ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES.—Subparagraph (C) of section 6662(h)(2) is amended by striking “‘25 percent’ for ‘50 percent’” and inserting “‘40 percent’ for ‘65 percent’”.

26 USC 6664. (3) ELIMINATION OF REASONABLE CAUSE EXCEPTION FOR GROSS MISSTATEMENTS.—Section 6664(c)(2) (relating to reasonable cause exception for underpayments) is amended by striking “paragraph (1) shall not apply unless” and inserting “paragraph (1) shall not apply. The preceding sentence shall not apply to a substantial valuation overstatement under chapter 1 if”.

(b) PENALTY ON APPRAISERS WHOSE APPRAISALS RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL OR GROSS VALUATION MISSTATEMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Part I of subchapter B of chapter 68 (relating to assessable penalties) is amended by inserting after section 6695 the following new section:

26 USC 6695A. **“SEC. 6695A. SUBSTANTIAL AND GROSS VALUATION MISSTATEMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO INCORRECT APPRAISALS.**

“(a) IMPOSITION OF PENALTY.—If—

“(1) a person prepares an appraisal of the value of property and such person knows, or reasonably should have known, that the appraisal would be used in connection with a return or a claim for refund, and

“(2) the claimed value of the property on a return or claim for refund which is based on such appraisal results in a substantial valuation misstatement under chapter 1 (within the meaning of section 6662(e)), or a gross valuation misstatement (within the meaning of section 6662(h)), with respect to such property, then such person shall pay a penalty in the amount determined under subsection (b).

“(b) AMOUNT OF PENALTY.—The amount of the penalty imposed under subsection (a) on any person with respect to an appraisal shall be equal to the lesser of—

“(1) the greater of—

“(A) 10 percent of the amount of the underpayment (as defined in section 6664(a)) attributable to the misstatement described in subsection (a)(2), or

“(B) \$1,000, or

“(2) 125 percent of the gross income received by the person described in subsection (a)(1) from the preparation of the appraisal.

“(c) EXCEPTION.—No penalty shall be imposed under subsection (a) if the person establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the value established in the appraisal was more likely than not the proper value.”.

(2) RULES APPLICABLE TO PENALTY.—Section 6696 (relating to rules applicable with respect to sections 6694 and 6695) is amended—

(A) by striking “6694 and 6695” each place it appears in the text and heading thereof and inserting “6694, 6695, and 6695A”, and

(B) by striking “6694 or 6695” each place it appears in the text and inserting “6694, 6695, or 6695A”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part I of subchapter B of chapter 68 is amended by striking the item relating to section 6696 and inserting the following new items:

“Sec. 6695A. Substantial and gross valuation misstatements attributable to incorrect appraisals.

“Sec. 6696. Rules applicable with respect to sections 6694, 6695, and 6695A.”.

(c) QUALIFIED APPRAISERS AND APPRAISALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (E) of section 170(f)(11) 26 USC 170.
is amended to read as follows:

“(E) QUALIFIED APPRAISAL AND APPRAISER.—For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) QUALIFIED APPRAISAL.—The term ‘qualified appraisal’ means, with respect to any property, an appraisal of such property which—

“(I) is treated for purposes of this paragraph as a qualified appraisal under regulations or other guidance prescribed by the Secretary, and

“(II) is conducted by a qualified appraiser in accordance with generally accepted appraisal standards and any regulations or other guidance prescribed under subclause (I).

“(ii) QUALIFIED APPRAISER.—Except as provided in clause (iii), the term ‘qualified appraiser’ means an individual who—

“(I) has earned an appraisal designation from a recognized professional appraiser organization or has otherwise met minimum education and experience requirements set forth in regulations prescribed by the Secretary,

“(II) regularly performs appraisals for which the individual receives compensation, and

“(III) meets such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary in regulations or other guidance.

“(iii) SPECIFIC APPRAISALS.—An individual shall not be treated as a qualified appraiser with respect to any specific appraisal unless—

“(I) the individual demonstrates verifiable education and experience in valuing the type of property subject to the appraisal, and

“(II) the individual has not been prohibited from practicing before the Internal Revenue Service by the Secretary under section 330(c) of title 31, United States Code, at any time during the 3-year period ending on the date of the appraisal.”

(2) REASONABLE CAUSE EXCEPTION.—Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 6664(c)(3) are amended to read as follows:

“(B) QUALIFIED APPRAISAL.—The term ‘qualified appraisal’ has the meaning given such term by section 170(f)(11)(E)(i).

“(C) QUALIFIED APPRAISER.—The term ‘qualified appraiser’ has the meaning given such term by section 170(f)(11)(E)(ii).”

(d) DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST APPRAISERS.—Section 330(c) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “with respect to whom a penalty has been assessed under section 6701(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986”.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) MISSTATEMENT PENALTIES.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), the amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to returns filed after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) APPRAISER PROVISIONS.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), the amendments made by subsections (b), (c), and

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26 USC 170 note.

(d) shall apply to appraisals prepared with respect to returns or submissions filed after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN EASEMENTS.—In the case of a contribution of a qualified real property interest which is a restriction with respect to the exterior of a building described in section 170(h)(4)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and an appraisal with respect to the contribution, the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to returns filed after July 25, 2006.

SEC. 1220. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR CREDIT COUNSELING ORGANIZATIONS.

26 USC 501.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 501 (relating to exemption from tax on corporations, certain trusts, etc.) is amended by redesignating subsection (q) as subsection (r) and by inserting after subsection (p) the following new subsection:

“(q) SPECIAL RULES FOR CREDIT COUNSELING ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An organization with respect to which the provision of credit counseling services is a substantial purpose shall not be exempt from tax under subsection (a) unless such organization is described in paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (c) and such organization is organized and operated in accordance with the following requirements:

“(A) The organization—

“(i) provides credit counseling services tailored to the specific needs and circumstances of consumers,

“(ii) makes no loans to debtors (other than loans with no fees or interest) and does not negotiate the making of loans on behalf of debtors,

“(iii) provides services for the purpose of improving a consumer’s credit record, credit history, or credit rating only to the extent that such services are incidental to providing credit counseling services, and

“(iv) does not charge any separately stated fee for services for the purpose of improving any consumer’s credit record, credit history, or credit rating.

“(B) The organization does not refuse to provide credit counseling services to a consumer due to the inability of the consumer to pay, the ineligibility of the consumer for debt management plan enrollment, or the unwillingness of the consumer to enroll in a debt management plan.

“(C) The organization establishes and implements a fee policy which—

“(i) requires that any fees charged to a consumer for services are reasonable,

“(ii) allows for the waiver of fees if the consumer is unable to pay, and

“(iii) except to the extent allowed by State law, prohibits charging any fee based in whole or in part on a percentage of the consumer’s debt, the consumer’s payments to be made pursuant to a debt management plan, or the projected or actual savings to the consumer resulting from enrolling in a debt management plan.

“(D) At all times the organization has a board of directors or other governing body—