

contract of insurance or an annuity contract is made, continued, or renewed with respect to the life or hazards to the person of a citizen or resident of the United States.

**(f) Policy of reinsurance**

For the purpose of section 4371(3), the term “policy of reinsurance” means any policy or other instrument by whatever name called whereby a contract of reinsurance is made, continued, or renewed against, or with respect to, any of the hazards, risks, losses, or liabilities covered by contracts taxable under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 4371.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 521; Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §141(a), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1300; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1904(a)(12), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1812.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “section 4371” for “this subchapter”, and inserted provision that term does not include a foreign government, or municipal or other corporation exercising the taxing power.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter”.

1958—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 85-859 inserted “against, or” before “with respect to”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-455 effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1904(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-859 effective on first day of first calendar quarter which begins more than 60 days after Sept. 2, 1958, see section 1(c) of Pub. L. 85-859.

**§ 4373. Exemptions**

The tax imposed by section 4371 shall not apply to—

**(1) Effectively connected items**

Any amount which is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States unless such amount is exempt from the application of section 882(a) pursuant to a treaty obligation of the United States.

**(2) Indemnity bond**

Any indemnity bond required to be filed by any person to secure payment of any pension, allowance, allotment, relief, or insurance by the United States, or to secure a duplicate for, or the payment of, any bond, note, certificate of indebtedness, war-saving certificate, warrant or check, issued by the United States.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 522; Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §141(a), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1301; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1904(a)(12), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1813; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §1012(q)(13)(A), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3525.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Par. (1). Pub. L. 100-647 amended par. (1) generally, substituting provisions relating to effectively connected items for provisions relating to domestic agent.

1976—Par. (1). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “State, or in the District of Columbia, within” for “State, Territory, or District of the United States within”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-859 reenacted section without change.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Section 1012(q)(13)(B) of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that: “The amendment made by subparagraph (A) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to premiums paid after the date 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1988].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-455 effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1904(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

**§ 4374. Liability for tax**

The tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid, on the basis of a return, by any person who makes, signs, issues, or sells any of the documents and instruments subject to the tax, or for whose use or benefit the same are made, signed, issued, or sold. The United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall not be liable for the tax.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 522; Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §141(a), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1301; Pub. L. 89-44, title VIII, §804(a)(1), (2), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 160; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1904(a)(12), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1813.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

For provisions of prior sections 4375, 4381 to 4384, see Prior Provisions note preceding section 4371 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 substituted in section catchline “Liability for tax” for “Payment of tax” and in text provisions relating to payment of tax on basis of a return and to tax-exempt status of United States and its agencies and instrumentalities for provisions relating to placing of stamps on any policy, indemnity bond, or annuity contract referred to in section 4371 and to regulation by Secretary that tax be paid on basis of a return.

1965—Pub. L. 89-44 substituted “Payment of tax” for “Affixing of stamps” in section catchline, and inserted sentence authorizing Secretary or his delegate to provide by regulation for payment on basis of a return of tax imposed by section 4371.

1958—Pub. L. 85-859 reenacted section without change.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-455 effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1904(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Section 804(c) of Pub. L. 89-44 provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on July 1, 1965. The amendments made by subsection (b) [amending section 4371 of this title] shall apply with respect to policies, bonds, and contracts with respect to which the tax imposed by section 4371 of the Code is required to be paid on the basis of a return.”

DETERMINATION OF PARTNERSHIP AS CONTINUING OR TERMINATED PARTNERSHIP

Section 141(b) of Pub. L. 85-859 mandated that only changes in the partnership occurring on or after the effective date specified in section 1(c) of Pub. L. 85-859

shall be taken into account in the determination of whether a partnership is a continuing or terminated one.

**CHAPTER 35—TAXES ON WAGERING**

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**Subchapter A—Tax on Wagers**

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**§ 4401. Imposition of tax**

**(a) Wagers**

**(1) State authorized wagers**

There shall be imposed on any wager authorized under the law of the State in which accepted an excise tax equal to 0.25 percent of the amount of such wager.

**(2) Unauthorized wagers**

There shall be imposed on any wager not described in paragraph (1) an excise tax equal to 2 percent of the amount of such wager.

**(b) Amount of wager**

In determining the amount of any wager for the purposes of this subchapter, all charges incident to the placing of such wager shall be included; except that if the taxpayer establishes, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, that an amount equal to the tax imposed by this subchapter has been collected as a separate charge from the person placing such wager, the amount so collected shall be excluded.

**(c) Persons liable for tax**

Each person who is engaged in the business of accepting wagers shall be liable for and shall pay the tax under this subchapter on all wagers placed with him. Each person who conducts any wagering pool or lottery shall be liable for and shall pay the tax under this subchapter on all wagers placed in such pool or lottery. Any person required to register under section 4412 who receives wagers for or on behalf of another person without having registered under section 4412 the name and place of residence of such other person shall be liable for and shall pay the tax under this subchapter on all such wagers received by him.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 525; Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §151(a), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1304; Pub. L. 93-499, §3(a), Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1550; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 97-362, title I, §109(a), Oct. 25, 1982, 96 Stat. 1731.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1982—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-362 substituted provision that there shall be imposed on any wager authorized under the law of the State in which accepted an excise

<sup>1</sup> Section numbers editorially supplied.

tax equal to 0.25 percent of the amount of such wager and that there shall be imposed on any other wager an excise tax equal to 2 percent of the amount of such wager for provision that there be imposed on wagers, as defined in section 4421, an excise tax equal to 2 percent of the amount thereof.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-499 substituted “2 percent” for “10 percent”.

1958—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 85-859 made all persons required to register under section 4412 of this title who receive wagers for or on behalf of another person without having registered under section 4412 of this title the name and place of residence of such other person liable for the tax on all such wagers received by them.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT**

Section 109(c)(1) of Pub. L. 97-362 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1983.”

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT**

Section 3(d)(1) of Pub. L. 93-499 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting section 4424 and amending this section and section 4411 of this title] take effect on December 1, 1974, and shall apply only with respect to wagers placed on or after such date.”

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT**

Section 151(b) of Pub. L. 85-859 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to wagers received after the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 2, 1958].”

**§ 4402. Exemptions**

No tax shall be imposed by this subchapter—

**(1) Parimutuels**

On any wager placed with, or on any wager placed in a wagering pool conducted by, a parimutuel wagering enterprise licensed under State law,

**(2) Coin-operated devices**

On any wager placed in a coin-operated device (as defined in section 4462 as in effect for years beginning before July 1, 1980), or on any amount paid, in lieu of inserting a coin, token, or similar object, to operate a device described in section 4462(a)(2) (as so in effect), or

**(3) State-conducted lotteries, etc.**

On any wager placed in a sweepstakes, wagering pool, or lottery which is conducted by an agency of a State acting under authority of State law, but only if such wager is placed with the State agency conducting such sweepstakes, wagering pool, or lottery, or with its authorized employees or agents.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 525; Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §152(b), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1305; Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §405(a), title VIII, §813(a), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 149, 170; Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1208(a), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1709; Pub. L. 95-600, title V, §521(c)(1), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2884.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 4462, referred to in par. (2), was repealed by Pub. L. 95-600, title V, §521(b), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2884.

**AMENDMENTS**

1978—Par. (2). Pub. L. 95-600 substituted “(as defined in section 4462 as in effect for years beginning before