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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-209793-95]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, REG-209793-95 (TD 8697), Simplification of Entity Classification Rules (sec. 301.7701-3).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 3, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this regulation should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Simplification of Entity Classification Rules.

OMB Number: 1545-1486.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209793-95.

Abstract: This regulation provides rules to allow certain unincorporated business organizations to elect to be treated as corporations or partnerships for federal tax purposes. The election is made by filing Form 8832, Entity Classification Election. The information collected on the election will be used to verify the classification of electing organizations.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, and state, local or tribal governments.

The burden for the collection of information in this regulation is reflected in the burden estimates of Form 8832.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request For Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: February 19, 1999.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[GL-238-88]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Regulation Project.

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, GL-238-88 (TD 8549), Preparer Penalties—Manual Signature Requirement (sec. 1.6695-1(b)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 3, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this regulation should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Preparer Penalties—Manual Signature Requirement.

OMB Number: 1545-1385.

Regulation Project Number: GL-238-88.

Abstract: This regulation provides that persons who prepare U.S. fiduciary income tax returns for compensation may, under certain conditions, satisfy the manual signature requirements by using a facsimile signature. However, they will be required to submit to the IRS a list of the names and identifying numbers of all fiduciary returns which are being filed with a facsimile signature.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour and 17 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,825 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request For Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: February 18, 1999.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463, that a meeting of the Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service will be held at the Omni Ambassador East, 1301 North State Parkway, Chicago, IL, June 24 through 26, 1999, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. The purpose of the meeting is to review research and development applications concerned with the measurement and evaluation of health care services and with testing new methods of health care delivery and management. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit. Recommendations regarding

funding are prepared for the Chief Research and Development Officer.

This meeting will be open to the public at the start of the June 24 session for approximately one half-hour to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by the subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact the Review Program Manager (124F), Health Services Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., at least five days before the meeting. For further information, call (202) 273-8287.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will be held on March 16-19, 1999, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, in conference room 230. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach and other programs, and activities administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

All sessions will be open to the public. Those who plan to attend should contact Ms. Maryanne Carson, Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 273-6193. A tentative agenda follows:

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

8:30 AM Opening Remarks—Dr. Linda Schwartz Review September 1998 Minutes, Review March Agenda
9:00 AM Briefing: Center for Women Veterans—Ms. Joan Furey
10:00 AM Break
10:15 AM Briefing: VA Homeless Initiatives—Mr. Peter Dougherty
11:15 AM Briefing: Readjustment Counseling Service—Dr. Alfonso Batres
11:45 AM General Discussion
12:15 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Briefing: Veterans Health Administration—Ms. Kathleen Zeiler
3:30 PM Break
4:00 PM General Discussion
5:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

8:30 AM Briefing: National Cemetery System—Ms. Lynn Howell
9:00 AM Briefing: Veterans Benefits Administration—Ms. Lynda Petty
10:30 AM Break
11:00 AM Briefing: Women Veterans' Research—Dr. Jessica Wolfe
12:00 N Lunch
1:30 PM Briefing: Center for Minority Veterans—Col. Willie Hensley
2:00 PM Briefing: State Veterans Homes—Col. Christine Cook
2:30 PM Briefing: Sexual Trauma Brochure—Ms. Veronica A'Zera
3:00 PM Break
3:30 PM Review: 1998 Report & VA Response (if available)
5:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, March 18, 1999

8:30 AM General Discussion—Dr. Linda Schwartz
10:00 AM Subcommittee Meetings—Dr. Linda Schwartz, Dr. Lois Johns
12:00 N Lunch
1:30 PM Subcommittee Meetings
4:00 PM Executive Session—Dr. Linda Schwartz
5:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, March 19, 1999

9:00 AM General—Dr. Linda Schwartz, 2000 Report, Committee Assignments, Agenda Items—Next Meeting, Dates—Next Meeting
62:00 N Adjourn