

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-34, § 442(a)(4)(A), substituted in introductory text “preceding calendar periods” and “calendar year” for “preceding calendar years or calendar quarters” and “calendar quarter”, incorporated existing text in provisions designated pars. (1) to (3), and substituted in par. (1) “calendar period” for “years or calendar quarters” and in par. (3) “preceding calendar periods” and “calendar year” for “calendar years or calendar quarters” and “calendar quarter”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-34, § 442(a)(4)(B), substituted in heading “calendar periods” for “years and quarters” and in text “preceding calendar periods” for “preceding calendar years and calendar quarters”, “the periods” for “the years and calendar quarters”, and “such preceding calendar periods” for “such years and calendar quarters”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-34, § 442(a)(4)(C), substituted in heading “calendar periods” for “calendar years and quarters” and in text “preceding calendar period” for “preceding calendar year or calendar quarter” in four places, “any calendar year” for “any calendar quarter”, and “section 2502(b)” for “section 2502(c)”.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455 inserted “(as in effect before its repeal by the Tax Reform Act of 1976)” after “section 2521” and “ending before January 1, 1977” after “years or calendar quarters” and substituted “of” for “to previous” after “computations in respect”.

1970—Pub. L. 91-614 substituted “Taxable gifts for preceding years and quarters” for “Taxable gifts for preceding years” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-614 substituted “In computing taxable gifts for the preceding calendar years or calendar quarters for the purpose of computing the tax for any calendar quarter,” for “In computing taxable gifts for the calendar year 1954 and preceding calendar years for the purpose of computing the tax for the calendar year 1955 or any calendar year thereafter,” provided that the laws applicable in the calendar quarters as well as the years in which the transfers in question were made shall apply, and substituted “previous calendar years or calendar quarters for the purpose of computing the tax for any calendar year or calendar quarter” for “the calendar year 1954 and previous calendar years for the purpose of computing the tax for the calendar year 1955 or any calendar year thereafter”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-614 inserted reference to calendar quarters in heading, substituted “during preceding calendar years and calendar quarters,” for “during the calendar year 1954 and preceding calendar years,” made reference to the amount excluded by gift tax laws applicable to the calendar quarters as well as years in which the gifts were made, and substituted “during such years and calendar quarters” for “during such year”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 91-614 inserted reference to calendar quarters in heading, inserted “or calendar quarter” after “calendar year” in four places, and substituted “for any calendar quarter,” for “for the calendar year 1955 and subsequent calendar years.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 91-614 struck out “For years before the calendar year 1955” from explanation of term “net gifts” as used in corresponding provisions of prior laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-206 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-34, to which such amendment relates, see section 6024 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-34 applicable to gifts made after Aug. 5, 1997, see section 506(e)(1) of Pub. L. 105-34, as amended, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-34 applicable with respect to gifts made after Dec. 31, 1981, see section 442(e) of

Pub. L. 97-34, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-614 applicable with respect to gifts made after Dec. 31, 1970, see section 102(e) of Pub. L. 91-614, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

§ 2505. Unified credit against gift tax

(a) General rule

In the case of a citizen or resident of the United States, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by section 2501 for each calendar year an amount equal to—

(1) the applicable credit amount in effect under section 2010(c) for such calendar year (determined as if the applicable exclusion amount were \$1,000,000), reduced by

(2) the sum of the amounts allowable as a credit to the individual under this section for all preceding calendar periods.

(b) Adjustment to credit for certain gifts made before 1977

The amount allowable under subsection (a) shall be reduced by an amount equal to 20 percent of the aggregate amount allowed as a specific exemption under section 2521 (as in effect before its repeal by the Tax Reform Act of 1976) with respect to gifts made by the individual after September 8, 1976.

(c) Limitation based on amount of tax

The amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any calendar year shall not exceed the amount of the tax imposed by section 2501 for such calendar year.

(Added Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, § 2001(b)(2), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1849; amended Pub. L. 97-34, title IV, §§ 401(b), 442(a)(5), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 299, 321; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, § 11801(a)(40), (c)(19)(B), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-521, 1388-528; Pub. L. 105-34, title V, § 501(a)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 845; Pub. L. 107-16, title V, § 521(b), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 71.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

For termination of amendment by section 901 of Pub. L. 107-16, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2001 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 107-16, title V, § 521(b)(2), (e)(2), title IX, § 901, June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 71, 72, 150, provided that, applicable to gifts made after Dec. 31, 2009, subsection (a)(1) of this section is temporarily amended to read as follows:

“(1) the amount of the tentative tax which would be determined under the rate schedule set forth in section 2502(a)(2) if the amount with respect to which such tentative tax is to be computed were \$1,000,000, reduced by”.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Tax Reform Act of 1976, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 94-455, Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1520, as amended. Section 2521 of this title was repealed by section 2001(b)(3) of Pub. L. 94-455. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-16, §§ 521(b)(1), 901, temporarily inserted “(determined as if the applicable

exclusion amount were \$1,000,000” after “calendar year”. See Effective and Termination Dates of 2001 Amendment note below.

1997—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105-34 substituted “the applicable credit amount in effect under section 2010(c) for such calendar year” for “\$192,800”.

1990—Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 101-508 redesignated subsecs. (c) and (d) as subsecs. (b) and (c), respectively, and struck out former subsec. (b) which provided for a phase-in of the unified credit against gift tax.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-34, § 442(a)(5)(A), substituted in provision preceding par. (1) “year” for “quarter”, and “periods” for “quarters” in par. (2).

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 97-34, § 401(b)(1), substituted “\$192,800” for “\$47,000”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-34, § 401(b)(2), struck out from heading “\$47,000” before “credit”, substituted subsec. (a)(1) substitutions for “\$192,800” of amounts of “\$62,800”, “\$79,300”, “\$96,300”, “\$121,800”, and “\$155,800” in the case of gifts made in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986, respectively, for subsec. (a)(1) substitutions for “\$47,000” of amounts of “\$6,000”, “\$30,000”, “\$34,000”, “\$38,000”, and “\$42,500” in the case of gifts made after Dec. 31, 1976, and before July 1, 1977, after June 30, 1977, and before Jan. 1, 1978; after Dec. 31, 1977, and before Jan. 1, 1979, after Dec. 31, 1978, and before Jan. 1, 1980, and after Dec. 31, 1979, and before Jan. 1, 1981, respectively.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97-34, § 442(a)(5)(B), substituted “year” for “quarter” in two places.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 521(b)(1) of Pub. L. 107-16 applicable to estates of decedents dying, and gifts made, after Dec. 31, 2001, and amendment by section 521(b)(2) of Pub. L. 107-16 applicable to gifts made after Dec. 31, 2009, see section 521(e)(1), (2) of Pub. L. 107-16, set out as a note under section 2010 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-16 inapplicable to estates of decedents dying, gifts made, or generation skipping transfers, after Dec. 31, 2010, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be applied and administered to such estates, gifts, and transfers as if such amendment had never been enacted, see section 901 of Pub. L. 107-16, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-34 applicable to estates of decedents dying, and gifts made, after Dec. 31, 1997, see section 501(f) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Section 401(c)(2) of Pub. L. 97-34 provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (b) [amending this section] shall apply to gifts made after such date [Dec. 31, 1981].”

Amendment by section 442(a)(5) of Pub. L. 97-34 applicable with respect to gifts made after Dec. 31, 1981, see section 442(e) of Pub. L. 97-34, set out as a note under section 2501 of this title.

SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in amendment 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 29 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 2056A, 2102 of this title.

Subchapter B—Transfers

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AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XIV, § 1432(d)(2), title XVIII, § 1852(e)(2)(B), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2730, 2868, added item 2515 and struck out item 2517 “Certain annuities under qualified plans”.

1981—Pub. L. 97-34, title IV, § 403(c)(3)(C), (d)(3)(B)(ii), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 302, 304, as amended Pub. L. 97-448, title I, § 104(a)(3)(B), Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2380, struck out items 2515 “Tenancies by the entirety in real property” and 2515A “Tenancies by the entirety in personal property” and added item 2519.

1978—Pub. L. 95-600, title VII, § 702(k)(1)(C), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2932, substituted in item 2515 “Tenancies by the entirety in real property” for “Tenancies by the entirety” and added item 2515A.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, § 2009(b)(3)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1894, added item 2518.

1958—Pub. L. 85-866, title I, § 68(b), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1659, added item 2517.

§ 2511. Transfers in general

(a) Scope

Subject to the limitations contained in this chapter, the tax imposed by section 2501 shall apply whether the transfer is in trust or otherwise, whether the gift is direct or indirect, and whether the property is real or personal, tangible or intangible; but in the case of a nonresident not a citizen of the United States, shall apply to a transfer only if the property is situated within the United States.

(b) Intangible property

For purposes of this chapter, in the case of a nonresident not a citizen of the United States who is excepted from the application of section 2501(a)(2)—

- (1) shares of stock issued by a domestic corporation, and
- (2) debt obligations of—
 - (A) a United States person, or
 - (B) the United States, a State or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia,

which are owned and held by such nonresident shall be deemed to be property situated within the United States.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 406; Pub. L. 89-809, title I, § 109(b), Nov. 13, 1966, 80 Stat. 1575; Pub. L. 107-16, title V, § 511(e), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 71; Pub. L. 107-147, title IV, § 411(g)(1), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 46.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

Pub. L. 107-147, title IV, § 411(g)(1), (x), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 46, 53, provided that, effective as if included in the provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-16, to which such amendment relates, subsection (c) of this section is amended by striking “taxable gift under section 2503,” and inserting “transfer of property by gift.”