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# H. R. 4648

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VENTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Public Pension Parity  
5       Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FOR CERTAIN PENSIONS AND ANNU-**  
2 **ITIES UNDER PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-  
4 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to  
5 items specifically excluded from income) is amended by re-  
6 designating section 136 as section 137 and by inserting  
7 after section 135 the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 136. CERTAIN PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES UNDER**  
9 **PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.**

10 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—Gross income does not in-  
11 clude any amount (otherwise includable in gross income)  
12 received by an individual as a qualified governmental pen-  
13 sion.

14 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

15 “(1) DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The aggregate  
16 amount excluded under subsection (a) for the tax-  
17 able year shall not exceed—

18 “(A) the maximum excludable social secu-  
19 rity benefits of the taxpayer for such year, re-  
20 duced by

21 “(B) the social security benefits (within  
22 the meaning of section 86(d)) received by the  
23 taxpayer during such year which were excluded  
24 from gross income.

25 “(2) SERVICE REQUIREMENT.—Subsection (a)  
26 shall not apply to any qualified governmental pen-

1 sion received by the taxpayer during the taxable year  
2 unless the taxpayer (or the spouse or former spouse  
3 of the taxpayer) performed the service giving rise to  
4 such pension.

5 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

6 “(1) QUALIFIED GOVERNMENTAL PENSION.—  
7 The term ‘qualified governmental pension’ means  
8 any pension or annuity received under a public re-  
9 tirement system to the extent such pension or annu-  
10 ity is not attributable to service—

11 “(A) which constitutes employment for  
12 purposes of chapter 21 (relating to the Federal  
13 Insurance Contributions Act), or

14 “(B) which is covered by an agreement  
15 made pursuant to section 218 of the Social Se-  
16 curity Act.

17 “(2) MAXIMUM EXCLUDABLE SOCIAL SECURITY  
18 BENEFITS.—The term ‘maximum excludable social  
19 security benefits’ means an amount equal to so  
20 much of the applicable maximum benefit amount for  
21 the taxpayer for the taxable year which would be ex-  
22 cluded from gross income if such benefit amount  
23 were treated as social security benefits (within the  
24 meaning of section 86(d)) received during the tax-  
25 able year.

1           “(3) APPLICABLE MAXIMUM BENEFIT  
2 AMOUNT.—The term ‘applicable maximum benefit  
3 amount’ means—

4           “(A) in the case of an unmarried individ-  
5 ual, the maximum individual social security  
6 benefit,’

7           “(B) in the case of a joint return, 150 per-  
8 cent of the maximum individual social security  
9 benefit, or

10           “(C) in the case of a married individual fil-  
11 ing a separate return, 75 percent of the maxi-  
12 mum individual social security benefit.

13 For purposes of the preceding sentence, marital sta-  
14 tus shall be determined under section 7703.

15           “(4) MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL SECURITY  
16 BENEFIT.—

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘maximum  
18 individual social security benefit’ means, with  
19 respect to any taxable year, the maximum total  
20 amount (as certified by the Secretary of Health  
21 and Human Services to the Secretary) which  
22 could be paid for all months in the calendar  
23 year ending in the taxable year as old-age in-  
24 surance benefits under section 202(a) of the So-  
25 cial Security Act (without regard to any reduc-

1           tion, deduction, or offset under section 202(k)  
2           or section 203 of such Act) to any individual  
3           who attained age 65, and filed application for  
4           such benefits, on the first day of such calendar  
5           year.

6           “(B) PART YEARS.—In the case of an indi-  
7           vidual who receives a qualified governmental  
8           pension with respect to a period of less than a  
9           full taxable year, the maximum individual social  
10          security benefit for such individual for such  
11          year shall be reduced as provided in regulations  
12          prescribed by the Secretary to properly cor-  
13          respond to such period.

14          “(5) PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—The term  
15          ‘public retirement system’ means any pension, annu-  
16          ity, retirement, or similar fund or system established  
17          by the United States, a State, a possession of the  
18          United States, any political subdivision of any of the  
19          foregoing, or the District of Columbia.”

20          (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (A) of  
21          section 86(b)(2) of such Code (defining modified adjusted  
22          gross income) is amended by inserting “136” before  
23          “911”.

24          (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
25          for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code

1 (relating to items specifically excluded from income) is  
2 amended by redesignating the item relating to section 136  
3 as section 137 and by inserting after the item relating to  
4 section 135 the following new item:

“Sec. 136. Certain pensions and annuities under public retirement  
systems.”

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6 this Act shall apply to taxable years beginning after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act.

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