

**§ 4405. Cross references**

**For penalties and other administrative provisions applicable to this subchapter, see sections 4421 to 4423, inclusive; and subtitle F.**

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 526.)

**Subchapter B—Occupational Tax**

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**SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This subchapter is referred to in sections 6806, 7262 of this title.

**§ 4411. Imposition of tax****(a) In general**

There shall be imposed a special tax of \$500 per year to be paid by each person who is liable for the tax imposed under section 4401 or who is engaged in receiving wagers for or on behalf of any person so liable.

**(b) Authorized persons**

Subsection (a) shall be applied by substituting “\$50” for “\$500” in the case of—

- (1) any person whose liability for tax under section 4401 is determined only under paragraph (1) of section 4401(a), and
- (2) any person who is engaged in receiving wagers only for or on behalf of persons described in paragraph (1).

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 527; Pub. L. 93-499, §3(b), Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1550; Pub. L. 97-362, title I, §109(b), Oct. 25, 1982, 96 Stat. 1731.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1982—Pub. L. 97-362 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), in subsec. (a), as so designated, substituted “liable for the tax imposed” for “liable for tax”, and added subsec. (b).

1974—Pub. L. 93-499 substituted “\$500” for “\$50”.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT**

Section 109(c)(2) of Pub. L. 97-362 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (b) [amending this section] shall take effect on July 1, 1983.”

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-499 effective Dec. 1, 1974, and applicable only with respect to wagers placed on or after such date, see section 3(d)(1) of Pub. L. 93-499, set out as a note under section 4401 of this title.

**PERSONS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES ON DECEMBER 1, 1974, REQUIRING PAYMENT OF TAX; PERSONS PAYING TAX AND REGISTERING BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1974**

Section 3(d)(2) of Pub. L. 93-499, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “(A) Any person who, on December 1, 1974, is engaged in an activity which makes him liable for payment of the tax imposed by section 4411 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] (as in effect on such date) shall be treated as commencing such activity on such date for purposes of such section and section 4901 of such Code.

“(B) Any person who, before December 1, 1974.—

“(i) became liable for and paid the tax imposed by section 4411 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as in effect on July 1, 1974) for the year ending June 30, 1975, shall not be liable for any additional tax under such section for such year, and

“(ii) registered under section 4412 of such Code (as in effect on July 1, 1974) for the year ending June 30, 1975, shall not be required to reregister under such section for such year.”

**CROSS REFERENCES**

General provisions relating to occupational taxes, see section 4901 et seq. of this title.

Posting occupational tax stamps, see section 6806 of this title.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 4901, 4903, 4907 of this title.

**§ 4412. Registration****(a) Requirement**

Each person required to pay a special tax under this subchapter shall register with the official in charge of the internal revenue district—

- (1) his name and place of residence;
- (2) if he is liable for tax under subchapter A, each place of business where the activity which makes him so liable is carried on, and the name and place of residence of each person who is engaged in receiving wagers for him or on his behalf; and
- (3) if he is engaged in receiving wagers for or on behalf of any person liable for tax under subchapter A, the name and place of residence of each such person.

“(b) Firm or company

Where subsection (a) requires the name and place of residence of a firm or company to be registered, the names and places of residence of the several persons constituting the firm or company shall be registered.

**(c) Supplemental information**

In accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the Secretary may require from time to time such supplemental information from any person required to register under this section as may be needful to the enforcement of this chapter.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 527; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(I), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1835.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1976—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “the Secretary may” for “he or his delegate may”.

**PERSONS PAYING TAX AND REGISTERING BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1974**

Persons registered before Dec. 1, 1974 under this section (as in effect on July 1, 1974) for the year ending June 30, 1975, not required to reregister under this section for such year, see section 3(d)(2) of Pub. L. 93-499, set out as a note under section 4411 of this title.

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Liability in case of death or change of location, see section 4905 of this title.

Penalty for failure to register, see section 7272 of this title.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 4401, 7012, 7272 of this title.

**§ 4413. Certain provisions made applicable**

Sections 4901, 4902, 4904, 4905, and 4906 shall extend to and apply to the special tax imposed by

this subchapter and to the persons upon whom it is imposed, and for that purpose any activity which makes a person liable for special tax under this subchapter shall be considered to be a business or occupation referred to in such sections. No other provision of sections 4901 to 4907, inclusive, shall so extend or apply.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 527.)

**§ 4414. Cross references**

**For penalties and other general and administrative provisions applicable to this subchapter, see sections 4421 to 4423, inclusive; and subtitle F.**

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 527.)

**Subchapter C—Miscellaneous Provisions**

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**AMENDMENTS**

1974—Pub. L. 93-499, §3(c)(2), Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1551, added item 4424.

**§ 4421. Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter—

**(1) Wager**

The term “wager” means—

(A) any wager with respect to a sports event or a contest placed with a person engaged in the business of accepting such wagers,

(B) any wager placed in a wagering pool with respect to a sports event or a contest, if such pool is conducted for profit, and

(C) any wager placed in a lottery conducted for profit.

**(2) Lottery**

The term “lottery” includes the numbers game, policy, and similar types of wagering. The term does not include—

(A) any game of a type in which usually

(i) the wagers are placed,

(ii) the winners are determined, and

(iii) the distribution of prizes or other property is made, in the presence of all persons placing wagers in such game, and

(B) any drawing conducted by an organization exempt from tax under sections 501 and 521, if no part of the net proceeds derived from such drawing inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 528.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 4405, 4414 of this title.

**§ 4422. Applicability of Federal and State laws**

The payment of any tax imposed by this chapter with respect to any activity shall not exempt any person from any penalty provided by a law of the United States or of any State for engaging in the same activity, nor shall the payment of any such tax prohibit any State from placing a tax on the same activity for State or other purposes.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 528.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 4405, 4414 of this title.

**§ 4423. Inspection of books**

Notwithstanding section 7605(b), the books of account of any person liable for tax under this chapter may be examined and inspected as frequently as may be needful to the enforcement of this chapter.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 528.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 4405, 4414, 7613 of this title.

**§ 4424. Disclosure of wagering tax information**

**(a) General rule**

Except as otherwise provided in this section, neither the Secretary nor any other officer or employee of the Treasury Department may divulge or make known in any manner whatever to any person—

(1) any original, copy, or abstract of any return, payment, or registration made pursuant to this chapter,

(2) any record required for making any such return, payment, or registration, which the Secretary is permitted by the taxpayer to examine or which is produced pursuant to section 7602, or

(3) any information come at by the exploitation of any such return, payment, registration, or record.

**(b) Permissible disclosure**

A disclosure otherwise prohibited by subsection (a) may be made in connection with the administration or civil or criminal enforcement of any tax imposed by this title. However, any document or information so disclosed may not be—

(1) divulged or made known in any manner whatever by any officer or employee of the United States to any person except in connection with the administration or civil or criminal enforcement of this title, nor

(2) used, directly or indirectly, in any criminal prosecution for any offense occurring before the date of enactment of this section.

**(c) Use of documents possessed by taxpayer**

Except in connection with the administration or civil or criminal enforcement of any tax imposed by this title—

(1) any stamp denoting payment of the special tax under this chapter,

(2) any original, copy, or abstract possessed by a taxpayer of any return, payment, or registration made by such taxpayer pursuant to this chapter, and

(3) any information come at by the exploitation of any such document,

shall not be used against such taxpayer in any criminal proceeding.

**(d) Inspection by committees of Congress**

Section 6103(f) shall apply with respect to any return, payment, or registration made pursuant to this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 93-499, §3(c)(1), Oct. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 1550; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1202(h)(6), title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1688, 1834.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-455, §1202(h)(6), substituted “6103(f)” for “6103(d)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1202(h)(6) of Pub. L. 94-455 effective Jan. 1, 1977, see section 1202(i) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 6103 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 1, 1974, and applicable only with respect to wagers placed on or after such date, see section 3(d)(1) of Pub. L. 93-499, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 4401 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6103 of this title.

CHAPTER 36—CERTAIN OTHER EXCISE TAXES

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AMENDMENTS

1997—Pub. L. 105-34, title XIV, §1432(b)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 110 Stat. 1050, struck out item for subchapter F “Tax on removal of hard mineral resources from deep seabed”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7504(b), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2363, added item for subchapter B.

1986—Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, §1402(b), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4269, added item for subchapter A.

1982—Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §280(c)(2)(A), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 564, struck out item for subchapter E.

1980—Pub. L. 96-283, title IV, §402(b), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 584, added item for subchapter F.

1970—Pub. L. 91-258, title II, §206(d)(1), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 246, added item for subchapter E.

1965—Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §§402, 404, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 148, 149, struck out items for subchapters A and C.

1956—Act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §206(c), 70 Stat. 391, added item for subchapter D.

Subchapter A—Harbor Maintenance Tax

Sec. 4461.	Imposition of tax.
4462.	Definitions and special rules.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter A (§§4451 to 4457), act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 529, 530, related to tax on playing cards, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §402, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 148. Repeal of sections 4451 to 4457 applicable on and after June 22, 1965, see section 701(c)(2) of Pub. L. 89-44, set out in part as an Effective Date of 1965 Amendment note under section 4905 of this title.

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

<sup>2</sup> Subchapter repealed by Pub. L. 95-600 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in section 9505 of this title.

§ 4461. Imposition of tax

(a) General rule

There is hereby imposed a tax on any port use.

(b) Amount of tax

The amount of the tax imposed by subsection (a) on any port use shall be an amount equal to 0.125 percent of the value of the commercial cargo involved.

(c) Liability and time of imposition of tax

(1) Liability

The tax imposed by subsection (a) shall be paid by—

(A) in the case of cargo entering the United States, the importer,

(B) in the case of cargo to be exported from the United States, the exporter, or

(C) in any other case, the shipper.

(2) Time of imposition

Except as provided by regulations, the tax imposed by subsection (a) shall be imposed—

(A) in the case of cargo to be exported from the United States, at the time of loading, and

(B) in any other case, at the time of unloading.

(Added Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, §1402(a), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4266; amended Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11214(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-436.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

For prior section 4461, see Prior Provisions note set out preceding section 4471 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “0.125 percent” for “0.04 percent”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Section 11214(b) of Pub. L. 101-508 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1991.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1402(c) of Pub. L. 99-662 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and section 4462 of this title] shall take effect on April 1, 1987.”

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1403(b) of Pub. L. 99-662, authorized to be appropriated to Department of the Treasury (from fees collected under section 58c(9), (10) of Title 19, Customs Duties) such sums as necessary to pay all expenses of administration incurred by such Department in administering this subchapter for periods to which such fees apply, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-182, title VI, §690(c)(8), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2223.

STUDY OF CARGO DIVERSION

Section 1407 of Pub. L. 99-662, as amended by Pub. L. 100-647, title II, §2002(c), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3597, provided that:

“(a) INITIAL STUDY.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with United States ports, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Transportation, the

United States Trade Representative and other appropriate Federal agencies, shall conduct a study to determine the impact of the port use tax imposed under section 4461(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [now 1986] on potential diversions of cargo from particular United States ports to any port in a country contiguous to the United States. The report of the study shall be submitted to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate not later than December 1, 1988.

“(b) REVIEW.—The Secretary of the Treasury may, at any time, review and revise the findings of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) with respect to any United States port (or to any transaction or class of transactions at such port).

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF FINDINGS.—For purposes of section 4462(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [now 1986], the findings of the study or review conducted pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be effective 60 days after notification to the ports concerned.”

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4462, 9505 of this title.

### § 4462. Definitions and special rules

#### (a) Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter—

##### (1) Port use

The term “port use” means—

- (A) the loading of commercial cargo on, or
- (B) the unloading of commercial cargo from,

a commercial vessel at a port.

##### (2) Port

###### (A) In general

The term “port” means any channel or harbor (or component thereof) in the United States, which—

- (i) is not an inland waterway, and
- (ii) is open to public navigation.

###### (B) Exception for certain facilities

The term “port” does not include any channel or harbor with respect to which no Federal funds have been used since 1977 for construction, maintenance, or operation, or which was deauthorized by Federal law before 1985.

###### (C) Special rule for Columbia River

The term “port” shall include the channels of the Columbia River in the States of Oregon and Washington only up to the downstream side of Bonneville lock and dam.

##### (3) Commercial cargo

###### (A) In general

The term “commercial cargo” means any cargo transported on a commercial vessel, including passengers transported for compensation or hire.

###### (B) Certain items not included

The term “commercial cargo” does not include—

- (i) bunker fuel, ship’s stores, sea stores, or the legitimate equipment necessary to the operation of a vessel, or
- (ii) fish or other aquatic animal life caught and not previously landed on shore.

#### (4) Commercial vessel

##### (A) In general

The term “commercial vessel” means any vessel used—

- (i) in transporting cargo by water for compensation or hire, or
- (ii) in transporting cargo by water in the business of the owner, lessee, or operator of the vessel.

##### (B) Exclusion of ferries

###### (i) In general

The term “commercial vessel” does not include any ferry engaged primarily in the ferrying of passengers (including their vehicles) between points within the United States, or between the United States and contiguous countries.

###### (ii) Ferry

The term “ferry” means any vessel which arrives in the United States on a regular schedule during its operating season at intervals of at least once each business day.

#### (5) Value

##### (A) In general

The term “value” means, except as provided in regulations, the value of any commercial cargo as determined by standard commercial documentation.

##### (B) Transportation of passengers

In the case of the transportation of passengers for hire, the term “value” means the actual charge paid for such service or the prevailing charge for comparable service if no actual charge is paid.

#### (b) Special rule for Alaska, Hawaii, and possessions

##### (1) In general

No tax shall be imposed under section 4461(a) with respect to—

(A) cargo loaded on a vessel in a port in the United States mainland for transportation to Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States for ultimate use or consumption in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States,

(B) cargo loaded on a vessel in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States for transportation to the United States mainland, Alaska, Hawaii, or such a possession for ultimate use or consumption in the United States mainland, Alaska, Hawaii, or such a possession,

(C) the unloading of cargo described in subparagraph (A) or (B) in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States, or in the United States mainland, respectively, or

(D) cargo loaded on a vessel in Alaska, Hawaii, or a possession of the United States and unloaded in the State or possession in which loaded, or passengers transported on United States flag vessels operating solely within the State waters of Alaska or Hawaii and adjacent international waters.

**(2) Cargo does not include crude oil with respect to Alaska**

For purposes of this subsection, the term “cargo” does not include crude oil with respect to Alaska.

**(3) United States mainland**

For purposes of this subsection, the term “United States mainland” means the continental United States (not including Alaska).

**(c) Coordination of tax where transportation subject to tax imposed by section 4042**

No tax shall be imposed under this subchapter with respect to the loading or unloading of any cargo on or from a vessel if any fuel of such vessel has been (or will be) subject to the tax imposed by section 4042 (relating to tax on fuel used in commercial transportation on inland waterways).

**(d) Nonapplicability of tax to certain cargo****(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), the tax imposed by section 4461(a) shall not apply to bonded commercial cargo entering the United States for transportation and direct exportation to a foreign country.

**(2) Imposition of charges**

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any cargo exported to Canada or Mexico—

(A) during the period—

(i) after the date on which the Secretary determines that the Government of Canada or Mexico (as the case may be) has imposed a substantially equivalent tax, fee, or charge on commercial vessels or commercial cargo utilizing ports of such country, and

(ii) subject to subparagraph (B), before the date on which the Secretary determines that such tax, fee, charge has been discontinued by such country, and

(B) with respect to a particular United States port (or to any transaction or class of transactions at any such port) to the extent that the study made pursuant to section 1407(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (or a review thereof pursuant to section 1407(b) of such Act) finds that—

(i) the imposition of the tax imposed by this subchapter at such port (or to any transaction or class of transactions at such port) is not likely to divert a significant amount of cargo from such port to a port in a country contiguous to the United States, or that any such diversion is not likely to result in significant economic loss to such port, or

(ii) the nonapplicability of such tax at such port (or to any transaction or class of transactions at such port) is likely to result in significant economic loss to any other United States port.

**(e) Exemption for United States**

No tax shall be imposed under this subchapter on the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

**(f) Extension of provisions of law applicable to customs duty****(1) In general**

Except to the extent otherwise provided in regulations, all administrative and enforcement provisions of customs laws and regulations shall apply in respect of the tax imposed by this subchapter (and in respect of persons liable therefor) as if such tax were a customs duty. For purposes of the preceding sentence, any penalty expressed in terms of a relationship to the amount of the duty shall be treated as not less than the amount which bears a similar relationship to the value of the cargo.

**(2) Jurisdiction of courts and agencies**

For purposes of determining the jurisdiction of any court of the United States or any agency of the United States, the tax imposed by this subchapter shall be treated as if such tax were a customs duty.

**(3) Administrative provisions applicable to tax law not to apply**

The tax imposed by this subchapter shall not be treated as a tax for purposes of subtitle F or any other provision of law relating to the administration and enforcement of internal revenue taxes.

**(g) Special rules**

Except as provided by regulations—

**(1) Tax imposed only once**

Only 1 tax shall be imposed under section 4461(a) with respect to the loading on and unloading from, or the unloading from and the loading on, the same vessel of the same cargo.

**(2) Exception for intraport movements**

Under regulations, no tax shall be imposed under section 4461(a) on the mere movement of cargo within a port.

**(3) Relay cargo**

Only 1 tax shall be imposed under section 4461(a) on cargo (moving under a single bill of lading) which is unloaded from one vessel and loaded onto another vessel at any port in the United States for relay to or from any port in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “cargo” does not include any item not treated as cargo under subsection (b)(2).

**(h) Exemption for humanitarian and development assistance cargos**

No tax shall be imposed under this subchapter on any nonprofit organization or cooperative for cargo which is owned or financed by such nonprofit organization or cooperative and which is certified by the United States Customs Service as intended for use in humanitarian or development assistance overseas.

**(i) Regulations**

The Secretary may prescribe such additional regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter including, but not limited to, regulations—

(1) providing for the manner and method of payment and collection of the tax imposed by this subchapter,

- (2) providing for the posting of bonds to secure payment of such tax,
- (3) exempting any transaction or class of transactions from such tax where the collection of such tax is not administratively practical, and
- (4) providing for the remittance or mitigation of penalties and the settlement or compromise of claims.

(Added Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, §1402(a), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4266; amended Pub. L. 100-647, title II, §2002(b), title VI, §§6109(a), 6110(a), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3597, 3712; Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1704(i)(1), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1881.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1407(a) and (b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, referred to in subsec. (d)(2)(B), is section 1407(a) and (b) of Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4272, 4273, which is set out as a note under section 4461 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

For prior section 4462, see Prior Provisions note set out preceding section 4471 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(1)(D). Pub. L. 104-188 inserted before period at end “, or passengers transported on United States flag vessels operating solely within the State waters of Alaska or Hawaii and adjacent international waters”.

1988—Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 100-647, §2002(b), amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (B) read as follows: “cargo loaded on a vessel in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States for transportation to the United States mainland for ultimate use or consumption in the United States mainland.”

Subsec. (g)(3). Pub. L. 100-647, §6110(a), added par. (3).  
 Subsecs. (h), (i). Pub. L. 100-647, §6109(a), added subsec. (h) and redesignated former subsec. (h) as (i).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Section 1704(i)(2) of Pub. L. 104-188 provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 1402(a) of the Harbor Maintenance Revenue Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 2002(b) of Pub. L. 100-647 effective as if included in the provision of the Harbor Maintenance Revenue Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, to which it relates, see section 2002(d) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 4042 of this title.

Section 6109(b) of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on April 1, 1987.”

Section 6110(b) of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1988].”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Apr. 1, 1987, see section 1402(c) of Pub. L. 99-662, set out as a note under section 4461 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 33 section 988a.

**Subchapter B—Transportation by Water**

Sec.  
 4471. Imposition of tax.

Sec.  
 4472. Definitions.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter B, consisted of sections 4461 to 4464 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 95-600, title V, §521(b), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2884, applicable with respect to years beginning after June 30, 1980.

Section 4461, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 531; Sept. 21, 1959, Pub. L. 86-344, §6(a), 73 Stat. 620; June 21, 1965, Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §403(a), 79 Stat. 148, imposed a special tax on persons who maintained for use or permitted use of coin-operated gaming devices and provided an exception from such tax.

Section 4462, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 531; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §152(a), 72 Stat. 1304; June 21, 1965, Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §403(b), 79 Stat. 149; Oct. 4, 1976, Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1208(b), 90 Stat. 1709, defined coin-operated gaming devices.

Section 4463, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 531, related to administrative provisions.

Section 4464, added Pub. L. 92-178, title IV, §402(a), Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 534, and amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 95-600, title V, §521(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2884, related to credit for State-imposed taxes.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1704(t)(11), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1888, struck out “and special rules” after “Definitions” in item 4472.

**§ 4471. Imposition of tax**

**(a) In general**

There is hereby imposed a tax of \$3 per passenger on a covered voyage.

**(b) By whom paid**

The tax imposed by this section shall be paid by the person providing the covered voyage.

**(c) Time of imposition**

The tax imposed by this section shall be imposed only once for each passenger on a covered voyage, either at the time of first embarkation or disembarkation in the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7504(a), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2362.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 4471 was contained in subchapter C of this chapter prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §404, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 149.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 7504(c) of Pub. L. 101-239 provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [enacting this subchapter] shall apply to voyages beginning after December 31, 1989, which were not paid for before such date.

“(2) NO DEPOSITS REQUIRED BEFORE APRIL 1, 1990.—No deposit of any tax imposed by subchapter B of chapter 36 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, shall be required to be made before April 1, 1990.”

**§ 4472. Definitions**

For purposes of this subchapter—

**(1) Covered voyage**

**(A) In general**

The term “covered voyage” means a voyage of—

- (i) a commercial passenger vessel which extends over 1 or more nights, or

(ii) a commercial vessel transporting passengers engaged in gambling aboard the vessel beyond the territorial waters of the United States,

during which passengers embark or disembark the vessel in the United States. Such term shall not include any voyage on any vessel owned or operated by the United States, a State, or any agency or subdivision thereof.

**(B) Exception for certain voyages on passenger vessels**

The term "covered voyage" shall not include a voyage of a passenger vessel of less than 12 hours between 2 ports in the United States.

**(2) Passenger vessel**

The term "passenger vessel" means any vessel having berth or stateroom accommodations for more than 16 passengers.

(Added Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7504(a), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2362.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 4472 was contained in subchapter C of this chapter prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §404, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 149.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in title 18 section 1081.

**[Subchapter C—Repealed]**

**[[§§ 4471 to 4474. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, § 404, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 149]**

Section 4471, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 532, imposed a \$20 annual tax upon bowling alleys, billiard tables, and pool tables to be paid by operators of bowling alleys, billiard rooms, and pool rooms.

Section 4472, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 532, defined bowling alley, billiard room, and pool room.

Section 4473, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 532; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §153(a), 72 Stat. 1305, granted exemptions for hospitals, the armed forces, and certain non-profit and governmental organizations.

Section 4474, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 532, made cross references to chapter 40 and subtitle F for penalties and administrative provisions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL**

Repeal applicable on and after July 1, 1965, see section 701(c)(2) of Pub. L. 89-44, set out in part as an Effective Date of 1965 Amendment note under section 4402 of this title.

**Subchapter D—Tax on Use of Certain Vehicles**

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4481.	Imposition of tax.
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4484.	Cross references.

**AMENDMENTS**

1983—Pub. L. 97-473, title II, §202(b)(11), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2610, substituted "Cross references" for "Cross reference" in item 4484.

1956—Act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §206(a), 70 Stat. 389, added subchapter heading and analysis of sections.

**SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This subchapter is referred to in sections 6103, 7871 of this title.

**§ 4481. Imposition of tax**

**(a) Imposition of tax**

A tax is hereby imposed on the use of any highway motor vehicle which (together with the semitrailers and trailers customarily used in connection with highway motor vehicles of the same type as such highway motor vehicle) has a taxable gross weight of at least 55,000 pounds at the rate specified in the following table:

Taxable gross weight:	Rate of tax:
At least 55,000 pounds, but not over 75,000 pounds.	\$100 per year plus \$22 for each 1,000 pounds (or fraction thereof) in excess of 55,000 pounds.
Over 75,000 pounds .....	\$550.

**(b) By whom paid**

The tax imposed by this section shall be paid by the person in whose name the highway motor vehicle is, or is required to be, registered under the law of the State or contiguous foreign country in which such vehicle is, or is required to be, registered, or, in case the highway motor vehicle is owned by the United States, by the agency or instrumentality of the United States operating such vehicle.

**(c) Proration of tax**

**(1) Where first use occurs after first month**

If in any taxable period the first use of the highway motor vehicle is after the first month in such period, the tax shall be reckoned proportionately from the first day of the month in which such use occurs to and including the last day in such taxable period.

**(2) Where vehicle destroyed or stolen**

**(A) In general**

If in any taxable period a highway motor vehicle is destroyed or stolen before the first day of the last month in such period and not subsequently used during such taxable period, the tax shall be reckoned proportionately from the first day of the month in such period in which the first use of such highway motor vehicle occurs to and including the last day of the month in which such highway motor vehicle was destroyed or stolen.

**(B) Destroyed**

For purposes of subparagraph (A), a highway motor vehicle is destroyed if such vehicle is damaged by reason of an accident or other casualty to such an extent that it is not economic to rebuild.

**(d) One tax liability per period**

**(1) In general**

To the extent that the tax imposed by this section is paid with respect to any highway motor vehicle for any taxable period, no further tax shall be imposed by this section for such taxable period with respect to such vehicle.

**(2) Cross reference**

**For privilege of paying tax imposed by this section in installments, see section 6156.**

**(e) Period tax in effect**

The tax imposed by this section shall apply only to use before October 1, 2005.

(Added June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §206(a), 70 Stat. 390; amended Pub. L. 87-61, title II, §203(a), (b)(1), (2)(A), (B), June 29, 1961, 75 Stat. 124; Pub. L. 91-605, title III, §303(a)(7), (8), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1744; Pub. L. 94-280, title III, §303(a)(7), (8), May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 456; Pub. L. 95-599, title V, §502(a)(6), (7), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2756; Pub. L. 97-424, title V, §§513(a), (d), 516(a)(4), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2177, 2179, 2182; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title VII, §734(f), title IX, §901(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 980, 1003; Pub. L. 100-17, title V, §§502(a)(5), 507(a), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 256, 260; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §1121(c)(5), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-426; Pub. L. 102-240, title VIII, §8002(a)(5), Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2203; Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1704(t)(57), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1890; Pub. L. 105-178, title IX, §9002(a)(1)(G), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 499.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-178 substituted “2005” for “1999”.

1996—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 104-188 provided that section 8002(a)(5) of Pub. L. 102-240 shall be applied as if “4481(e)” appeared instead of “4481(c)”. See 1991 Amendment note below.

1991—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 102-240, which directed the substitution of “1999” for “1995” in subsec. (c), was executed by making the substitution in subsec. (e). See 1996 Amendment note above.

1990—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “1995” for “1993”.

1987—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-17, §507(a), inserted “or contiguous foreign country” after “State”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 100-17, §502(a)(5), substituted “1993” for “1988”.

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-369, §901(a), in amending subsec. (a) generally, substituted “55,000” for “33,000” in provisions preceding table, struck out heading “(1) In general”, substituted table provisions for former table which provided:

Taxable gross weight		Rate of tax
At least	But less than	
33,000 pounds	55,000 .....	\$50 a year, plus \$25 for each 1,000 pounds or fraction thereof in excess of 33,000 pounds.
55,000 pounds	80,000 .....	\$600 a year, plus the applicable rate for each 1,000 pounds or fraction thereof in excess of 55,000 pounds
80,000 pounds or more	.....	The maximum tax a year.

and struck out par. (2) which provided applicable rates and maximum taxes for taxable periods beginning July 1, 1984 through 1988 or thereafter.

Pub. L. 98-369, §734(f), struck out from subsec. (a), as subsec. (a) was in effect before the amendments made by section 513(a) of Pub. L. 97-424: “In case of the taxable period beginning on July 1, 1984, and ending on September 30, 1984, the tax shall be at the rate of 75 cents for such period for each 1,000 pounds of taxable gross weight or fraction thereof.” See 1983 Amendment note below.

1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-424, §513(a), substituted “at least 33,000 pounds at the rate specified in the following table:” for “more than 26,000 pounds, at the rate of \$3.00 a year for each 1,000 pounds of taxable gross weight or fraction thereof.”, and added pars. (1) and (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-424, §513(d), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 97-424, §516(a)(4), substituted “1988” for “1984” after “October 1,”.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-599, §502(a)(6), substituted “1984” for “1979” in two places.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 95-599, §502(a)(7), substituted “1984” for “1979”.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-280, §303(a)(7), substituted “1979” for “1977” in two places.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 94-280, §303(a)(8), substituted “1979” for “1977”.

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-605, §303(a)(7), substituted “1977” for “1972” in two places.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 91-605, §303(a)(8), substituted “1977” for “1972”.

1961—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 87-61, §203(a), (b)(2)(A), increased rate of tax from \$1.50 to \$3.00 a year, and provided for a tax at the rate of 75 cents for each 1,000 pounds during the period beginning on July 1, 1972, and ending on September 30, 1972.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 87-61, §203(b)(2)(B), substituted “any taxable period” for “any year”, “after the first month in such period” for “after July 31”, and “the last day in such taxable period” for “the last day of June following”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 87-61, §203(b)(2)(B), made conforming changes to refer to payment of tax for a taxable period instead of payment for a year, and inserted cross reference to section 6156.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 87-61, §203(b)(1), substituted “before October 1, 1972” for “after June 30, 1956, and before July 1, 1972”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Section 507(d) of Pub. L. 100-17 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending this section and section 4483 of this title] shall take effect on July 1, 1987.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 734(f) of Pub. L. 98-369 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provisions of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982, title V of Pub. L. 97-424, to which such amendment relates, see section 736 of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 4051 of this title.

Section 901(c) of Pub. L. 98-369 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] (and the provisions of subsection (b) [set out below]) shall take effect on July 1, 1984.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Section 513(f) of Pub. L. 97-424, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 4482 and 4483 of this title and enacting provisions set out below] shall take effect on July 1, 1984.

“(2) SPECIAL RULE IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN OWNER-OPERATORS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a small owner-operator, paragraph (1) of this subsection and paragraph (2) of section 4481(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] (as added by this section) shall be applied by substituting for each date contained in such paragraphs a date which is 1 year after the date so contained.

“(B) SMALL OWNER-OPERATOR.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term “small owner-operator” means any person who owns and operates at any time during the taxable period no more than 5 highway motor vehicles with respect to which a tax is imposed by section 4481 of such Code for such taxable period.

“[No subpar. (C) has been enacted.]

“(D) AGGREGATION OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIPS.—For purposes of subparagraph (B), all highway motor vehicles with respect to which a tax is imposed by section 4481 of such Code which are owned by—

“(i) any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) which is under common control with the taxpayer (within the meaning of section 52(b)), or

“(ii) any member of any controlled groups of corporations of which the taxpayer is a member, for any taxable period shall be treated as being owned by the taxpayer during such period. The Secretary shall prescribe regulations which provide attribution rules that take into account, in addition to the persons and entities described in the preceding sentence, taxpayers who own highway motor vehicles through partnerships, joint ventures, and corporations.

“(E) CONTROLLED GROUPS OF CORPORATIONS.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘controlled group of corporations’ has the meaning given to such term by section 1563(a), except that—

“(i) ‘more than 50 percent’ shall be substituted for ‘at least 80 percent’ each place it appears in section 1563(a)(1), and

“(ii) the determination shall be made without regard to subsections (a)(4) and (e)(3)(C) of section 1563.

“(F) HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLES.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘highway motor vehicle’ has the meaning given to such term by section 4482(a) of such Code.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1961 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 87-61 effective July 1, 1961, see section 208 of Pub. L. 87-61, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective June 29, 1956, see section 211 of act June 29, 1956, set out as an Effective Date of 1956 Amendment note under section 4041 of this title.

#### REGULATIONS

Section 507(c) of Pub. L. 100-17 provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury or the delegate of the Secretary shall within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this section [Apr. 2, 1987] prescribe regulations governing payment of the tax imposed by section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 on any highway motor vehicle operated by a motor carrier domiciled in any contiguous foreign country or owned or controlled by persons of any contiguous foreign country. Such regulations shall include a procedure by which the operator of such motor vehicle shall evidence that such operator has paid such tax at the time such motor vehicle enters the United States. In the event of the failure to provide evidence of payment, such regulations may provide for denial of entry of such motor vehicle into the United States.”

#### SPECIAL RULES IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN OWNER-OPERATORS

Section 901(b) of Pub. L. 98-369, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“(1) SPECIAL RULE FOR TAXABLE PERIOD BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 1984.—In the case of a small owner-operator, the amount of the tax imposed by section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] on the use of any highway motor vehicle subject to tax under section 4481(a) of such Code (as amended by subsection (a)) for the taxable period which begins on July 1, 1984, shall be the lesser of—

“(A) \$3 for each 1,000 pounds of taxable gross weight (or fraction thereof), or

“(B) the amount of the tax which would be imposed under such section 4481(a) without regard to this paragraph.

“(2) EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLES USED FOR LESS THAN 5,000 MILES (AND CERTAIN OTHER AMENDMENTS) TO TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1984.—In the case of a small owner-operator, notwithstanding subsection (f)(2) of section 513 of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982 [section 513(f)(2) of Pub. L. 97-424, set out as an Effective Date of 1983 Amendment note above], the amendments made by subsections (b), (c), and (d) of such section [amending sections 4481 to 4483 of this title] shall take effect on July 1, 1984.

“(3) SMALL OWNER-OPERATOR DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘small owner-operator’ has the meaning given such term by section 513(f)(2) of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982.

“(4) TAXABLE GROSS WEIGHT.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘taxable gross weight’ has the same meaning as when used in section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”

#### STUDIES RELATING TO HEAVY VEHICLE USE TAX

Part I [§§931-934] of subtitle D of title IX of div. A of Pub. L. 98-369, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“SEC. 931. WHETHER HEAVY VEHICLES BEAR FAIR SHARE OF HIGHWAY COSTS.

“The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study of whether highway motor vehicles with taxable gross weights of 80,000 pounds or more bear their fair share of the costs of the highway system.

“SEC. 932. TRANS-BORDER TRUCKING.

“The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study to determine the significance of the tax imposed by section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to tax on use of certain vehicles) on trans-border trucking operations.

“SEC. 933. WEIGHT-DISTANCE TAXES.

“The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility and ability of weight-distance truck taxes to provide the greatest degree of equity among highway users, to ease the costs of compliance of such taxes, and to improve the efficiency by which such taxes might be administered. Such study shall also include an evaluation of the evasion potential for weight-distance taxes and an assessment of the benefits to interstate commerce of replacing all Federal truck taxes (other than fuel taxes) with a weight-distance tax.

“SEC. 934. REPORTS, ETC.

“(a) CONSULTATION WITH TREASURY.—Studies conducted under this part shall be conducted in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury.

“(b) REPORT.—Not later than October 1, 1987, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate a report on each study conducted under this part together with such recommendations as the Secretary may deem advisable.”

#### STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES TO TAX ON USE OF HEAVY TRUCKS

Section 513(g) of Pub. L. 97-424 provided that the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, conduct a study of alternatives to the tax on heavy vehicles imposed by section 4481(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and plans for improving the collecting and enforcement of such tax and alternatives to such tax, such alternatives to include taxes based either singly or in suitable combinations on vehicle size or configuration; vehicle weight, both registered and actual operating weight; and distance traveled, and such plans for improving tax collection and enforcement to provide for Federal and State co-operation in such activities. The study was to be conducted in consultation with State officials, motor carriers, and other affected parties, and the Secretary of Transportation was to submit a report and recommendations to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate not later than Jan. 1, 1985.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4482, 4483, 6156, 6302, 9503 of this title; title 23 section 141; title 49 section 13902.

**§ 4482. Definitions**

**(a) Highway motor vehicle**

For purposes of this subchapter, the term “highway motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle which is a highway vehicle.

**(b) Taxable gross weight**

For purposes of this subchapter, the term “taxable gross weight” when used with respect to any highway motor vehicle, means the sum of—

- (1) the actual unloaded weight of—
  - (A) such highway motor vehicle fully equipped for service, and
  - (B) the semitrailers and trailers (fully equipped for service) customarily used in connection with highway motor vehicles of the same type as such highway motor vehicle, and
- (2) the weight of the maximum load customarily carried on highway motor vehicles of the same type as such highway motor vehicle and on the semitrailers and trailers referred to in paragraph (1)(B).

Taxable gross weight shall be determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary (which regulations may include formulas or other methods for determining the taxable gross weight of vehicles by classes, specifications, or otherwise).

**(c) Other definitions and special rule**

For purposes of this subchapter—

**(1) State**

The term “State” means a State and the District of Columbia.

**(2) Year**

The term “year” means the one-year period beginning on July 1.

**(3) Use**

The term “use” means use in the United States on the public highways.

**(4) Taxable period**

The term “taxable period” means any year beginning before July 1, 2005, and the period which begins on July 1, 2005, and ends at the close of September 30, 2005.

**(5) Customary use**

A semitrailer or trailer shall be treated as customarily used in connection with a highway motor vehicle if such vehicle is equipped to tow such semitrailer or trailer.

**(d) Special rule for taxable period in which termination date occurs**

In the case of the taxable period which ends on September 30, 2005, the amount of the tax imposed by section 4481 with respect to any highway motor vehicle shall be determined by reducing each dollar amount in the table contained in section 4481(a) by 75 percent.

(Added June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §206(a), 70 Stat. 390; amended Pub. L. 87-61, title II, §203(b)(2)(C), June 29, 1961, 75 Stat. 125; Pub. L. 91-605, title III, §303(a)(9), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1744; Pub. L. 94-280, title III, §303(a)(9), May 5,

1976, 90 Stat. 456; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §§1904(c), 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1818, 1834; Pub. L. 95-599, title V, §502(a)(8), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2756; Pub. L. 97-424, title V, §§513(c), (e), 516(a)(4), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2179, 2182; Pub. L. 100-17, title V, §502(a)(5), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 256; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §1121(c)(5), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-426; Pub. L. 102-240, title VIII, §8002(a)(5), Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2203; Pub. L. 105-178, title IX, §9002(a)(1)(H), (I), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 499.)

AMENDMENTS

- 1998—Subsecs. (c)(4), (d). Pub. L. 105-178 substituted “2005” for “1999” wherever appearing.
- 1991—Subsecs. (c)(4), (d). Pub. L. 102-240 substituted “1999” for “1995” wherever appearing.
- 1990—Subsecs. (c)(4), (d). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “1995” for “1993” wherever appearing.
- 1987—Subsecs. (c)(4), (d). Pub. L. 100-17 substituted “1993” for “1988” wherever appearing.
- 1983—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-424, §513(c)(2), inserted “and special rule” in heading.
- Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 97-424, §516(a)(4), substituted “1988” for “1984” wherever appearing.
- Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 97-424, §513(c)(1), added par. (5).
- Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97-424, §513(e), added subsec. (d).
- 1978—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 95-599 substituted “1984” for “1979” wherever appearing.
- 1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.
- Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 94-455, §1904(c), substituted “State and the District of Columbia” for “State, a Territory of the United States, and the District of Columbia”.
- Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 94-280 substituted “1979” for “1977” wherever appearing.
- 1970—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 91-605 substituted “1977” for “1972” wherever appearing.
- 1961—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 87-61 added par. (4).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 513(c), (e) of Pub. L. 97-424 effective July 1, 1984, see section 513(f) of Pub. L. 97-424, set out as a note under section 4481 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1904(c) of 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 1961 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 87-61 effective July 1, 1961, see section 208 of Pub. L. 87-61, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

SPECIAL RULES IN THE CASE OF SMALL OWNER-OPERATORS

Amendment by section 513(c) of Pub. L. 97-424 effective July 1, 1984, in the case of a small owner-operator, notwithstanding section 513(f)(2) of Pub. L. 97-424, see section 901(b)(2) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 4481 of this title.

**§ 4483. Exemptions**

**(a) State and local governmental exemption**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, no tax shall be imposed by section 4481 on the use of any highway motor vehicle by any State or any political subdivision of a State.

**(b) Exemption for United States**

The Secretary of the Treasury may authorize exemption from the tax imposed by section 4481

as to the use by the United States of any particular highway motor vehicle, or class of highway motor vehicles, if he determines that the imposition of such tax with respect to such use will cause substantial burden or expense which can be avoided by granting tax exemption and that full benefit of such exemption, if granted, will accrue to the United States.

**(c) Certain transit-type buses**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, no tax shall be imposed by section 4481 on the use of any bus which is of the transit type (rather than of the intercity type) by a person who, for the last 3 months of the preceding year (or for such other period as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe for purposes of this subsection), met the 60-percent passenger fare revenue test set forth in section 6421(b)(2) (as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Energy Tax Act of 1978) as applied to the period prescribed for purposes of this subsection.

**(d) Exemption for trucks used for less than 5,000 miles on public highways**

**(1) Suspension of tax**

**(A) In general**

If—

(i) it is reasonable to expect that the use of any highway motor vehicle on public highways during any taxable period will be less than 5,000 miles, and

(ii) the owner of such vehicle furnishes such information as the Secretary may by forms or regulations require with respect to the expected use of such vehicle,

then the collection of the tax imposed by section 4481 with respect to the use of such vehicle shall be suspended during the taxable period.

**(B) Suspension ceases to apply where use exceeds 5,000 miles**

Subparagraph (A) shall cease to apply with respect to any highway motor vehicle whenever the use of such vehicle on public highways during the taxable period exceeds 5,000 miles.

**(2) Exemption**

If—

(A) the collection of the tax imposed by section 4481 with respect to any highway motor vehicle is suspended under paragraph (1),

(B) such vehicle is not used during the taxable period on public highways for more than 5,000 miles, and

(C) except as otherwise provided in regulations, the owner of such vehicle furnishes such information as the Secretary may require with respect to the use of such vehicle during the taxable period,

then no tax shall be imposed by section 4481 on the use of such vehicle for the taxable period.

**(3) Refund where tax paid and vehicle not used for more than 5,000 miles**

If—

(A) the tax imposed by section 4481 is paid with respect to any highway motor vehicle for any taxable period, and

(B) the requirements of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (2) are met with respect to such taxable period,

the amount of such tax shall be credited or refunded (without interest) to the person who paid such tax.

**(4) Relief from liability for tax under certain circumstances where truck is transferred**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the owner of a highway motor vehicle with respect to which the collection of the tax imposed by section 4481 is suspended under paragraph (1) shall not be liable for the tax imposed by section 4481 (and the new owner shall be liable for such tax) with respect to such vehicle if—

(A) such vehicle is transferred to a new owner,

(B) such suspension is in effect at the time of such transfer, and

(C) the old owner furnishes such information as the Secretary by forms and regulations requires with respect to the transfer of such vehicle.

**(5) 7,500-miles exemption for agricultural vehicles**

**(A) In general**

In the case of an agricultural vehicle, paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be applied by substituting “7,500” for “5,000” each place it appears.

**(B) Definitions**

For purposes of this paragraph—

**(i) Agricultural vehicle**

The term “agricultural vehicle” means any highway motor vehicle—

(I) used primarily for farming purposes, and

(II) registered (under the laws of the State in which such vehicle is required to be registered) as a highway motor vehicle used for farming purposes.

**(ii) Farming purposes**

The term “farming purposes” means the transporting of any farm commodity to or from a farm or the use directly in agricultural production.

**(iii) Farm commodity**

The term “farm commodity” means any agricultural or horticultural commodity, feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals, or wildlife.

**(6) Owner defined**

For purposes of this subsection, the term “owner” means, with respect to any highway motor vehicle, the person described in section 4481(b).

**(e) Reduction in tax for trucks used in logging**

The tax imposed by section 4481 shall be reduced by 25 percent with respect to any highway motor vehicle if—

(1) the exclusive use of such vehicle during any taxable period is the transportation, to and from a point located on a forested site, of products harvested from such forested site, and