

**§ 7203. Willful failure to file return, supply information, or pay tax**

Any person required under this title to pay any estimated tax or tax, or required by this title or by regulations made under authority thereof to make a return, keep any records, or supply any information, who willfully fails to pay such estimated tax or tax, make such return, keep such records, or supply such information, at the time or times required by law or regulations, shall, in addition to other penalties provided by law, be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$25,000 (\$100,000 in the case of a corporation), or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. In the case of any person with respect to whom there is a failure to pay any estimated tax, this section shall not apply to such person with respect to such failure if there is no addition to tax under section 6654 or 6655 with respect to such failure. In the case of a willful violation of any provision of section 6050I, the first sentence of this section shall be applied by substituting “felony” for “misdemeanor” and “5 years” for “1 year”.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 851; Pub. L. 90-364, title I, §103(e)(5), June 28, 1968, 82 Stat. 264; Pub. L. 97-248, title III, §§327, 329(b), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 617, 618; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title IV, §412(b)(9), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 792; Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7601(a)(2)(B), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4504; Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXIII, §3303(a), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4918.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-647 substituted “substituting ‘felony’ for ‘misdemeanor’ and” for “substituting”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-690 inserted at end “In the case of a willful violation of any provision of section 6050I, the first sentence of this section shall be applied by substituting ‘5 years’ for ‘1 year’.”

1984—Pub. L. 98-369 struck out “(other than a return required under the authority of section 6015)” after “to make a return”.

1982—Pub. L. 97-248, §329(b), substituted “\$25,000 (\$100,000 in the case of a corporation)” for “\$10,000”.

Pub. L. 97-248, §327, inserted last sentence providing that, in the case of any person with respect to whom there is a failure to pay any estimated tax, this section shall not apply to such person with respect to such failure if there is no addition to tax under section 6654 or 6655 with respect to such failure.

1968—Pub. L. 90-364 struck out reference to section 6016.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Section 3303(c) of Pub. L. 101-647 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to actions, and failures to act, occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 29, 1990].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-690 applicable to actions after Nov. 18, 1988, see section 7601(a)(3) of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as a note under section 6050I of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1984, see section 414(a)(1) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 6654 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 329(b) of Pub. L. 97-248 applicable to offenses committed after Sept. 3, 1982, see section 329(e) of Pub. L. 97-248, set out as a note under section 7201 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-364 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1967, except as provided by section 104 of Pub. L. 90-364, see section 103(f) of Pub. L. 90-364, set out as a note under section 243 of this title.

**§ 7204. Fraudulent statement or failure to make statement to employees**

In lieu of any other penalty provided by law (except the penalty provided by section 6674) any person required under the provisions of section 6051 to furnish a statement who willfully furnishes a false or fraudulent statement or who willfully fails to furnish a statement in the manner, at the time, and showing the information required under section 6051, or regulations prescribed thereunder, shall, for each such offense, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 852.)

**§ 7205. Fraudulent withholding exemption certificate or failure to supply information**

**(a) Withholding on wages**

Any individual required to supply information to his employer under section 3402 who willfully supplies false or fraudulent information, or who willfully fails to supply information thereunder which would require an increase in the tax to be withheld under section 3402, shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

**(b) Backup withholding on interest and dividends**

If any individual willfully makes a false certification under paragraph (1) or (2)(C) of section 3406(d), then such individual shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 852; Pub. L. 89-368, title I, §101(e)(5), Mar. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 62; Pub. L. 97-34, title VII, §721(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 341; Pub. L. 97-248, title III, §§306(b), 308(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 588, 591; Pub. L. 98-67, title I, §§102(a), 107(b), Aug. 5, 1983, 97 Stat. 369, 382; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §159(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 696; Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7711(b)(2), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2393.)

AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-239 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: “If any individual willfully makes—

“(1) any false certification or affirmation on any statement required by a payor in order to meet the due diligence requirements of section 6676(b), or

“(2) a false certification under paragraph (1) or (2)(C) of section 3406(d),

then such individual shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon conviction thereof, be