WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1997

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 279

(By Senators [Names], President, and [Names],
By request of the Executive)

PASSED March 24, 1997
In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine, article twenty-one, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to updating the meaning of certain terms used in the West Virginia personal income tax act by bringing them into conformity with their meanings for federal income tax purposes; and specifying effective dates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section nine, article twenty-one, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21. PERSONAL INCOME TAX.


(a) Any term used in this article shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the laws of the United States relating to income taxes, unless a different meaning is clearly required. Any reference in
this article to the laws of the United States shall mean the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any other provisions of the laws of the United States as relate to the determination of income for federal income tax purposes. All amendments made to the laws of the United States after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred ninety-five, but prior to the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-seven, shall be given effect in determining the taxes imposed by this article to the same extent those changes are allowed for federal income tax purposes, whether such changes are retroactive or prospective, but no amendment to the laws of the United States made on or after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-seven, shall be given any effect.

(b) Medical savings accounts. — The term “taxable trust” does not include a medical savings account established pursuant to section twenty, article fifteen, chapter thirty-three of this code or section fifteen, article sixteen of said chapter. Employer contributions to a medical savings account established pursuant to said sections, are not “wages” for purposes of withholding under section seventy-one of this article.

(c) Surtax. — The term “surtax” means the twenty percent additional tax imposed on taxable withdrawals from a medical savings account under section twenty, article fifteen, chapter thirty-three of this code, and the twenty percent additional tax imposed on taxable withdrawals from a medical savings account under section fifteen, article sixteen of said chapter, which are collected by the tax commissioner as tax collected under this article.

(d) Effective date. — The amendments to this section enacted in the year one thousand nine hundred ninety-seven shall be retroactive to the extent allowable under federal income tax law. With respect to taxable years that begin prior to the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-six, the law in effect for each of those years shall be fully preserved as to such year, except as provided in this section.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signature]
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27th day of [Month], 1997.

[Signature]
Governor