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(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kiss, and Delegate Trump) [By Request of the Executive]



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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 updating effective date.

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.

§11-21-9. Meaning of terms.

- 1 (a) Any term used in this article has the same meaning as
- 2 when used in a comparable context in the laws of the United
- 3 States relating to income taxes unless a different meaning is

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4 clearly required. Any reference in this article to the laws of the 5 United States means the provisions of the Internal Revenue 6 Code of 1986, as amended, and any other provisions of the laws 7 of the United States that relate to the determination of income 8 for federal income tax purposes. All amendments made to the 9 laws of the United States after the thirty-first day of December 10 two thousand two, but prior to the first day of June, two 11 thousand three, shall be given effect in determining the taxes 12 imposed by this article to the same extent those changes are 13 allowed for federal income tax purposes, whether the changes 14 are retroactive or prospective, but no amendment to the laws of 15 the United States made on or after the first day of June, two 16 thousand three, 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.

24 (c) *Surtax.*— The term "surtax" means the twenty percent 25 additional tax imposed on taxable withdrawals from a medical 26 savings account under section twenty, article fifteen, chapter 27 thirty-three of this code and the twenty percent additional tax 28 imposed on taxable withdrawals from a medical savings 29 account under section fifteen, article sixteen of said chapter 30 which are collected by the tax commissioner as tax collected 31 under this article.

(d) *Effective date.*— The amendments to this section
enacted in the year two thousand three are retroactive to the
extent allowable under federal income tax law. With respect to
taxable years that began prior to the first day of June, two

thousand three, the law in effect for each of those years shall befully preserved as to that year except as provided in this section.

38 (e) For purposes of the refundable credit allowed to a low 39 income senior citizen for property tax paid on his or her homestead in this state, the term "laws of the United States" as 40 used in subsection (a) of this section means and includes the 41 42 term "low income" as defined in subsection (b), section twenty-43 one of this article and as reflected in the poverty guidelines 44 updated periodically in the federal register by the U.S. depart-45 ment of health and human services under the authority of 42 46 U.S.C. 9902(2).

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That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee

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