

[SEC. 22. GROSS INCOME.]

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ART. 22(b)-1. **Exemptions—Exclusions from gross income.**—Certain items of income specified in section 22(b) are exempt from tax and may be excluded from gross income. These items, however, are exempt only to the extent and in the amount specified. No other items are exempt from gross income except (1) those items of income which are, under the Constitution, not taxable by the Federal Government; (2) those items of income which are exempt from tax on income under the provisions of any Act of Congress not inconsistent with or repealed by the Act; (3) the income exempted under the provisions of section 116. Since the tax is imposed on net income, the exemption referred to above is not to be confused with the deductions allowed by section 23 and other provisions of the Act to be made from gross income in computing net income. As to other items not to be included in gross income, see sections 112 and 119 and Supplements G, H, I, and J.

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(1) **LIFE INSURANCE.**—Amounts received under a life insurance contract paid by reason of the death of the insured, whether in a single sum or otherwise (but if such amounts are held by the insurer under an agreement to pay interest thereon, the interest payments shall be included in gross income);

ART. 22(b) (1)-1. **Life insurance—Amounts paid by reason of the death of the insured.**—The proceeds of life insurance policies, paid by reason of the death of an insured to his estate or to any beneficiary (individual, partnership, or corporation, but not a transferee for valuable consideration), directly or in trust, are excluded from the gross income of the beneficiary. While it is immaterial whether the proceeds of a life insurance policy payable upon the death of the insured are paid to the beneficiary in a single sum or in installments, only the amount paid solely by reason of the death of the insured is exempted. The amount exempted is the amount payable had the insured or the beneficiary not elected to exercise an option to receive the proceeds of the policy or any part thereof at a later date or dates. If the policy provides no option for payment upon the death of the insured, or provides only for payments in installments, there is exempted only the amount which the insurance company would have paid immediately after the death of the insured had the policy not provided for payment at a later date or dates. Any increment

thereto is taxable. In any mode of settlement the portion of each distribution which is to be so included in gross income shall be determined as follows:

(a) *Proceeds held by the insurer.*—If the proceeds are held by the insurer under an agreement (whether with the insured or with a beneficiary) to distribute either the increment to such proceeds currently, or the proceeds and increment in equal installments until both are exhausted, there shall be included in gross income, the increment so paid to the beneficiary, or so credited to the fund in each year by the insurer.

(b) *Proceeds payable in installments for a fixed number of years—or for a fixed number of years and for continued life.*—If the proceeds are payable in installments for a fixed number of years, or for a fixed number of years and for continued life, the amount that would have been payable by the insurance company immediately upon the death of the insured (if payment at a later date had not been provided for) is to be divided by the total number of installments payable over the fixed number of years for which payment is to be made, and the quotient represents the portion of each installment to be excluded from gross income. The amount of each installment in excess of such excluded portion is to be included in gross income. For example, if, at the insured's death, \$1,000 would have been payable in a single installment, but 10 equal annual payments are made in lieu thereof, the portion of the installment received during any taxable year to be excluded from gross income is \$100 (\$1,000 divided by 10). Any amount received as an installment in excess of \$100 is to be included in gross income.

(c) *Proceeds payable in installments during the life of the beneficiary.*—If the proceeds are payable in installments during the life of the beneficiary the amount of each installment that is to be included in gross income will be determined as in paragraph (b), above, except that the number of years to be used in the specified computation will be determined by the life expectancy of the beneficiary, as calculated by the table of mortality used by the particular insurance company in determining the amount of the annuity.

If a mode of settlement has been in effect prior to the first taxable year which begins after December 31, 1933, the entire amount received and excluded from gross income in such prior years shall be deducted from the proceeds payable upon the death of the insured; the remainder shall be divided by the number of installments unpaid at the beginning of such taxable year (whether over the remaining portion of the fixed period or over the life expectancy as of that date, depending on the mode of settlement adopted); and that quotient shall be the excludible portion of each installment.