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Senate Bill 393

By Senators Smith (Mr. President) and Woelfel

[By Request of the executive]

[Introduced January 15, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §11-24-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 bringing terms not defined in that act into conformity with the meaning of those terms for
3 federal income tax purposes; and specifying effective dates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

CHAPTER 11. TAXATION.

ARTICLE 24. CORPORATION NET INCOME TAX.

§11-24-3. Meaning of terms; general rule.

1 (a) Any term used in this article has the same meaning as when used in a comparable
2 context in the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, unless a different
3 meaning is clearly required by the context or by definition in this article. Any reference in this article
4 to the laws of the United States means the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
5 amended, and any other provisions of the laws of the United States that relate to the determination
6 of income for federal income tax purposes. All amendments made to the laws of the United States
7 after December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024, but prior to January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, shall be given effect in
8 determining the taxes imposed by this article to the same extent those changes are allowed for
9 federal income tax purposes, whether the changes are retroactive or prospective, but no
10 amendment to the laws of the United States made on or after January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, shall be given
11 any effect.

12 (b) The term "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" means the Internal Revenue Code of the
13 United States enacted by the federal Tax Reform Act of 1986 and includes the provisions of law
14 formerly known as the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and in effect when the federal
15 Tax Reform Act of 1986 was enacted that were not amended or repealed by the federal Tax
16 Reform Act of 1986. Except when inappropriate, any reference in any law, executive order, or
17 other document:

18 (1) To the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 includes a reference to the Internal Revenue

19 Code of 1986; and

20 (2) To the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 includes a reference to the provisions of law
21 formerly known as the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

22 (c) *Effective date.* — The amendments to this section enacted in the year 2025 2026 are
23 retroactive to the extent allowable under federal income tax law. With respect to taxable years that
24 began prior to January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, the law in effect for each of those years shall be fully
25 preserved as to that year, except as provided in this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to amend and update §11-24-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended to bring terms not defined in that act into conformity with the meaning of those terms for federal income tax purposes; and specifying effective dates.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.