

INHERITANCE TAX ACT AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Inheritance Tax Act to change the manner in which the act relies on the federal estate tax.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- provides that if the federal estate tax is in effect at the death of a decedent, the inheritance tax shall be calculated using certain provisions of federal law in effect on January 1, 2001, and other provisions of federal law in effect on the date of the decedent's death;

- provides that if the federal estate tax is not in effect at the death of a decedent, the inheritance tax shall be calculated using certain provisions of federal law in effect on January 1, 2001, and other provisions of federal law in effect immediately preceding the repeal of the federal estate tax; and

- makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

59-11-102, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 2, Laws of Utah 1987



ENACTS:

59-11-102.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **59-11-102** is amended to read:

59-11-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Decedent" means a deceased natural person.

(2) "Federal credit" means the maximum amount of the credit for estate death taxes allowed by Section 2011 in respect to a decedent's taxable estate.

(3) "Gross estate" ~~[means "gross estate"]~~ is as defined, subject to Section 59-11-102.5 in Section 2031 ~~[of the United States]~~, Internal Revenue Code ~~[of 1954, as amended or renumbered]~~.

(4) "Nonresident" means a decedent who was domiciled outside of this state at the time of death.

(5) "Other state" means any state in the United States other than this state, the District of Columbia, or any possession or territory of the United States.

(6) "Person" includes any natural person, corporation, association, partnership, joint venture, syndicate, estate, trust, or other entity under which business or other activities may be conducted.

(7) "Personal representative" means the executor, administrator, or trustee of a decedent's estate, or, if there is no executor, administrator, or trustee appointed, qualified, and acting within this state, then any person in actual or constructive possession of any property of the decedent.

(8) "Resident" means a decedent who was domiciled in this state at the time of death.

(9) "Section 2011" means, subject to Section 59-11-102.5, Section 2011 ~~[of the United States]~~, Internal Revenue Code ~~[of 1954, as amended or renumbered]~~.

(10) "Taxable estate" ~~[means "taxable estate"]~~ is as defined, subject to Section 59-11-102.5, in Section 2051 ~~[of the United States]~~, Internal Revenue Code ~~[of 1954, as amended or renumbered]~~.

(11) "Transfer" ~~[means "transfer"]~~ is as defined, subject to Section 59-11-102.5, in

Section 2001 [~~of the United States~~], Internal Revenue Code [~~of 1954, as amended or~~
~~renumbered~~].

Section 2. Section **59-11-102.5** is enacted to read:

59-11-102.5. Effect of federal law changes.

(1) If the federal estate tax imposed by Section 2001, Internal Revenue Code, is in effect on the date of the decedent's death, the tax under this chapter shall be determined using:

(a) the federal credit allowed by Section 2011 as it was in effect on January 1, 2001;
and

(b) other provisions of federal estate tax law, including the unified credit allowed against the federal estate tax under Section 2010, Internal Revenue Code, as the provisions were in effect on the date of the decedent's death.

(2) If the federal estate tax imposed by Section 2001, Internal Revenue Code, is not in effect on the date of the decedent's death, the tax under this chapter shall be determined using:

(a) the federal credit allowed by Section 2011 as it was in effect on January 1, 2001;
and

(b) other provisions of federal estate tax law, including the unified credit allowed against the federal estate tax under Section 2010, Internal Revenue Code, as the provisions were in effect on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the repeal of the federal estate tax imposed by Section 2001, Internal Revenue Code.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact

Passage of this bill could increase the General Fund by \$4,000,000 in FY 2005 and by \$12,500,000 in FY 2006.

	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$12,500,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$12,500,000

Individual and Business Impact

Individuals would be subject to inheritance tax provisions.

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