

CHAPTER 2003-85

House Bill No. 1839

An act relating to the corporate income tax; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; providing for the adoption of the 2003 version of the Internal Revenue Code; providing for retroactive operation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 220.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

220.03 Definitions.—

(1) SPECIFIC TERMS.—When used in this code, and when not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(n) “Internal Revenue Code” means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect on January 1, 2003 ~~2002~~, except as provided in subsection (3).

(2) DEFINITIONAL RULES.—When used in this code and neither otherwise distinctly expressed nor manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof:

(a) The word “corporation” or “taxpayer” shall be deemed to include the words “and its successors and assigns” as if these words, or words of similar import, were expressed;

(b) Any term used in any section of this code with respect to the application of, or in connection with, the provisions of any other section of this code shall have the same meaning as in such other section; and

(c) Any term used in this code shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the Internal Revenue Code and other statutes of the United States relating to federal income taxes, as such code and statutes are in effect on January 1, 2003 ~~2002~~. However, if subsection (3) is implemented, the meaning of any term shall be taken at the time the term is applied under this code.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2003.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2003.

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