

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill provides for an individual income tax credit for certain social security benefits.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- enacts a tax credit for social security benefits that are included in the claimant's federal adjusted gross income;
- provides that an individual who claims the tax credit for social security benefits may not also claim the retirement tax credit;
- grants rulemaking authority to the State Tax Commission; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides retrospective operation.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

59-10-1002.2, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 263

59-10-1019, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 389

ENACTS:



28 **59-10-1041**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **59-10-1002.2** is amended to read:

32 **59-10-1002.2. Apportionment of tax credits.**

33 (1) A nonresident individual or a part-year resident individual that claims a tax credit
34 in accordance with Section **59-10-1017**, **59-10-1018**, **59-10-1019**, **59-10-1022**, **59-10-1023**,
35 **59-10-1024**, ~~[or]~~ **59-10-1028**, or 59-10-1041 may only claim an apportioned amount of the tax
36 credit equal to:

37 (a) for a nonresident individual, the product of:

38 (i) the state income tax percentage for the nonresident individual; and

39 (ii) the amount of the tax credit that the nonresident individual would have been
40 allowed to claim but for the apportionment requirements of this section; or

41 (b) for a part-year resident individual, the product of:

42 (i) the state income tax percentage for the part-year resident individual; and

43 (ii) the amount of the tax credit that the part-year resident individual would have been
44 allowed to claim but for the apportionment requirements of this section.

45 (2) A nonresident estate or trust that claims a tax credit in accordance with Section
46 **59-10-1017**, **59-10-1020**, **59-10-1022**, **59-10-1024**, or **59-10-1028** may only claim an
47 apportioned amount of the tax credit equal to the product of:

48 (a) the state income tax percentage for the nonresident estate or trust; and

49 (b) the amount of the tax credit that the nonresident estate or trust would have been
50 allowed to claim but for the apportionment requirements of this section.

51 Section 2. Section **59-10-1019** is amended to read:

52 **59-10-1019. Definitions -- Nonrefundable retirement tax credit.**

53 (1) As used in this section:

54 (a) "Eligible over age 65 ~~[or older]~~ retiree" means a claimant, regardless of whether
55 that claimant is retired, who:

56 (i) is over 65 years of age ~~[or older]~~; and

57 (ii) was born on or before December 31, 1952.

58 ~~[(b) (i) "Eligible retirement income" means income received by an eligible under age~~

65 retiree as a pension or annuity if that pension or annuity is:]

~~[(A) paid to the eligible under age 65 retiree or the surviving spouse of an eligible under age 65 retiree; and]~~

~~[(B) (I) paid from an annuity contract purchased by an employer under a plan that meets the requirements of Section 404(a)(2), Internal Revenue Code;]~~

~~[(H) purchased by an employee under a plan that meets the requirements of Section 408, Internal Revenue Code; or]~~

~~[(HH) paid by:]~~

~~[(Aa) the United States;]~~

~~[(Bb) a state or a political subdivision of a state; or]~~

~~[(Cc) the District of Columbia.]~~

~~[(ii) "Eligible retirement income" does not include amounts received by the spouse of a living eligible under age 65 retiree because of the eligible under age 65 retiree's having been employed in a community property state.]~~

~~[(c) "Eligible under age 65 retiree" means a claimant, regardless of whether that claimant is retired, who:]~~

~~[(i) is younger than 65 years of age;]~~

~~[(ii) was born on or before December 31, 1952; and]~~

~~[(iii) has eligible retirement income for the taxable year for which a tax credit is claimed under this section.]~~

~~[(d)]~~ (b) "Head of household filing status" is as defined in Section 59-10-1018.

~~[(e)]~~ (c) "Joint filing status" is as defined in Section 59-10-1018.

~~[(f)]~~ (d) "Married filing separately status" means a married individual who:

(i) does not file a single federal individual income tax return jointly with that married individual's spouse for the taxable year; and

(ii) files a single federal individual income tax return for the taxable year.

~~[(g)]~~ (e) "Modified adjusted gross income" means the sum of an eligible over age 65 ~~[or older]~~ retiree's ~~[or eligible under age 65 retiree's]~~:

(i) adjusted gross income for the taxable year for which a tax credit is claimed under this section;

(ii) any interest income that is not included in adjusted gross income for the taxable

year described in Subsection (1)~~[(g)](e)~~(i); and

(iii) any addition to adjusted gross income required by Section 59-10-114 for the taxable year described in Subsection (1)~~[(g)](e)~~(i).

~~[(h)]~~ (f) "Single filing status" means a single individual who files a single federal individual income tax return for the taxable year.

(2) Except as provided in Section 59-10-1002.2 and Subsection (6) and subject to Subsections (3) through (5)~~[-(a)]~~ each eligible age over 65 ~~[or older]~~ retiree may claim a nonrefundable tax credit of \$450 against taxes otherwise due under this part~~[-or]~~.

~~[(b) each eligible under age 65 retiree may claim a nonrefundable tax credit against taxes otherwise due under this part in an amount equal to the lesser of:]~~

~~[(i) \$288; or]~~

~~[(ii) the product of:]~~

~~[(A) the eligible under age 65 retiree's eligible retirement income for the taxable year for which the eligible under age 65 retiree claims a tax credit under this section; and]~~

~~[(B) 6%.]~~

(3) A tax credit under this section may not be carried forward or carried back.

(4) The ~~[sum of the tax credits]~~ tax credit allowed by Subsection (2) claimed on ~~[one]~~ a return filed under this part shall be reduced by \$.025 for each dollar by which modified adjusted gross income for purposes of the return exceeds:

(a) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a married filing separately status, \$16,000;

(b) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a single filing status, \$25,000;

(c) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a head of household filing status, \$32,000; or

(d) for a return under this chapter that is allowed a joint filing status, \$32,000.

(5) For purposes of determining the ownership of items of retirement income under this section, common law doctrine shall be applied in all cases even though some items of retirement income may have originated from service or investments in a community property state.

(6) (a) An eligible over age 65 retiree may not claim a tax credit under this section and

121 a tax credit under Section [59-10-1041](#).

122 (b) An eligible over age 65 retiree who qualifies for a tax credit under this section and
123 a tax credit under Section [59-10-1041](#) may elect whether to claim a tax credit under this section
124 or a tax credit under Section [59-10-1041](#).

125 Section 3. Section **59-10-1041** is enacted to read:

126 **59-10-1041. Nonrefundable tax credit for social security benefits.**

127 (1) As used in this section:

128 (a) "Head of household filing status" means the same as that term is defined in Section
129 [59-10-1018](#).

130 (b) "Joint filing status" means the same as that term is defined in Section [59-10-1018](#).

131 (c) "Married filing separately status" means a married individual who:

132 (i) does not file a single federal individual income tax return jointly with that married
133 individual's spouse for the taxable year; and

134 (ii) files a single federal individual income tax return for the taxable year.

135 (d) "Modified adjusted gross income" means the sum of a claimant's:

136 (i) adjusted gross income for the taxable year for which a tax credit is claimed under
137 this section;

138 (ii) any interest income that is not included in adjusted gross income for the taxable
139 year described in Subsection (1)(d)(i); and

140 (iii) any addition to adjusted gross income required by Section [59-10-114](#) for the
141 taxable year described in Subsection (1)(d)(i).

142 (e) "Single filing status" means a single individual who files a single federal individual
143 income tax return for the taxable year.

144 (f) "Social security benefit" means an amount received by a claimant as a monthly
145 benefit in accordance with the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 401 et seq.

146 (2) Except as provided in Section [59-10-1002.2](#), a claimant may claim a nonrefundable
147 tax credit against taxes otherwise due under this part equal to the product of:

148 (a) the percentage listed in Subsection [59-10-104\(2\)](#); and

149 (b) the claimant's social security benefit that is included in adjusted gross income on
150 the claimant's federal income tax return for the taxable year.

151 (3) (a) A claimant may not:

152 (i) carry forward or carry back a tax credit under this section; or

153 (ii) claim a tax credit under this section and a tax credit under Section [59-10-1019](#).

154 (b) A claimant who qualifies for a tax credit under this section and a tax credit under
155 Section [59-10-1019](#) may elect whether to claim a tax credit under this section or a tax credit
156 under Section [59-10-1019](#).

157 (4) The tax credit allowed by Subsection (2) claimed on a return filed under this part
158 shall be reduced by \$.025 for each dollar by which modified adjusted gross income for
159 purposes of the return exceeds:

160 (a) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a married filing separately
161 status, \$22,500;

162 (b) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a single filing status,
163 \$30,000;

164 (c) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a head of household filing
165 status, \$45,000; or

166 (d) for a return under this chapter that is allowed a joint filing status, \$45,000.

167 (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
168 commission may make rules governing the calculation and method for claiming the tax credit
169 described in this section.

170 **Section 4. Retrospective operation.**

171 This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
172 2020.