# 26 U.S. Code § 355. Distribution of stock and securities of a controlled corporation

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#### (a) EFFECT ON DISTRIBUTEES

- (1) GENERAL RULE If-
  - (A) a <u>corporation</u> (referred to in this section as the "distributing <u>corporation</u>")—
    - (i) distributes to a <u>shareholder</u>, with respect to its <u>stock</u>, or
    - (ii) distributes to a <u>security</u> holder, in exchange for its <u>securities</u>,

solely <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> of a <u>corporation</u> (referred to in this section as "controlled <u>corporation"</u>) which it <u>controls</u> immediately before the distribution,

(B) the <u>transaction</u> was not used principally as a device for the distribution of the earnings and profite of the distributing corporation or the controlled corporation or both (but the more fact

that subsequent to the distribution <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in one or more of such <u>corporations</u> are sold or exchanged by all or some of the distributees (other than pursuant to an arrangement negotiated or agreed upon prior to such distribution) shall not be construed to mean that the <u>transaction</u> was used principally as such a device),

(C) the requirements of subsection (b) (relating to active businesses) are satisfied, and

(D) as part of the distribution, the distributing <u>corporation</u> distributes—

(i) all of the <u>stock</u> and <u>securities</u> in the controlled <u>corporation</u> held by it immediately before the distribution, or

(ii) an amount of <u>stock</u> in the controlled <u>corporation</u> constituting <u>control</u> within the meaning of section 368(c), and it is established to the satisfaction of the <u>Secretary</u> that the retention by the distributing <u>corporation</u> of <u>stock</u> (or <u>stock</u> and <u>securities</u>) in the controlled <u>corporation</u> was not in pursuance of a <u>plan</u> having as one of its principal purposes the avoidance of Federal income <u>tax</u>.

then no <u>gain</u> or <u>loss</u> shall be recognized to (and no amount shall be includible in the income of) such <u>shareholder</u> or <u>security</u> holder on the receipt of such <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u>.

(2) NON PRO RATA DISTRIBUTIONS, ETC. Paragraph (1) shall be applied without regard to the following:

**(A)** whether or not the distribution is pro rata with respect to all of the <u>shareholders</u> of the distributing <u>corporation</u>,

**(B)** whether or not the <u>shareholder</u> surrenders <u>stock</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u>, and

(C) whether or not the distribution is in pursuance of a <u>plan</u> of <u>reorganization</u> (within the meaning of <u>section 368(a)(1)(D)</u>).

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## (3) LIMITATIONS

### (A) Excess principal amount Paragraph (1) shall not apply if—

(i) the principal amount of the <u>securities</u> in the controlled <u>corporation</u> which are received exceeds the principal amount of the <u>securities</u> which are surrendered in connection with such distribution, or

(ii) <u>securities</u> in the controlled <u>corporation</u> are received and no <u>securities</u> are surrendered in connection with such distribution.

**(B)** Stock acquired in taxable transactions within 5 years treated as boot For purposes of this section (other than paragraph (1)(D) of this subsection) and so much of <u>section 356</u> as relates to this section, <u>stock of a controlled corporation</u> acquired by the distributing <u>corporation</u> by reason of any <u>transaction</u>.

(i) which occurs within 5 years of the distribution of such stock, and

(ii) in which gain or loss was recognized in whole or in part,

shall not be treated as stock of such controlled corporation, but as other property.

#### (C) Property attributable to accrued interest

Neither paragraph (1) nor so much of section 356 as relates to paragraph (1) shall apply to the extent that any <u>stock</u> (including nonqualified preferred <u>stock</u>, as defined in section 351(g)(2)), <u>securities</u>, or other <u>property</u> received is attributable to <u>interest</u> which has accrued on <u>securities</u> on or after the beginning of the holder's holding period.

## (D) Nonqualified preferred stock

Nonqualified preferred <u>stock</u> (as defined in <u>section 351(g)(2)</u>) received in a distribution with respect to <u>stock</u> other than nonqualified preferred <u>stock</u> (as so defined) shall not be treated as <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u>.

## (4) CROSS REFERENCES

(A) For treatment of the exchange if any <u>property</u> is received which is not permitted to be received under this

subsection (including nonqualified preferred <u>stock</u> and an excess principal amount of <u>securities</u> received over <u>securities</u> surrendered, but not including <u>property</u> to which paragraph (3)(C) applies), <u>see</u> section 356.

(B) For treatment of accrued <u>interest</u> in the case of an exchange described in paragraph (3)(C), <u>see</u> section 61.

#### (b) REQUIREMENTS AS TO ACTIVE BUSINESS

(1) IN GENERAL Subsection (a) shall apply only if either—

**(A)** the distributing <u>corporation</u>, and the controlled <u>corporation</u> (or, if <u>stock</u> of more than one controlled <u>corporation</u> is distributed, each of such <u>corporations</u>), is engaged immediately after the distribution in the active conduct of a <u>trade or business</u>, or

**(B)** immediately before the distribution, the distributing <u>corporation</u> had no assets other than <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in the controlled <u>corporations</u> and each of the controlled <u>corporations</u> is engaged immediately after the distribution in the active conduct of a <u>trade or business</u>.

(2) **DEFINITION** For purposes of paragraph (1), a <u>corporation</u> shall be treated as engaged in the active conduct of a <u>trade or business</u> if and only if—

(A) it is engaged in the active conduct of a <u>trade or business</u>,

**(B)** such <u>trade or business</u> has been actively conducted throughout the 5<u>-year</u> period ending on the date of the distribution,

**(C)** such <u>trade or business</u> was not acquired within the period described in subparagraph (B) in a <u>transaction in which gain or loss</u> was recognized in whole or in part, and

**(D)** <u>control</u> of a <u>corporation</u> which (at the time of <u>acquisition</u> of <u>control</u>) was conducting such <u>trade or business</u>—

(i) was not acquired by any distributee <u>corporation</u> directly (or through 1 or more <u>corporations</u>, whether through the distributing <u>corporation</u> or otherwise) within the period described in subparagraph (B) and was not acquired by the distributing <u>corporation</u> directly (or through 1 or more <u>corporations</u>) within such period, or

(ii) was so acquired by any such <u>corporation</u> within such period, but, in each case in which such <u>control</u> was so acquired, it was so acquired, only by reason of <u>transactions</u> in which <u>gain or loss</u> was not recognized in whole or in part, or only by reason of such <u>transactions</u> combined with <u>acquisitions</u> before the beginning of such period.

For purposes of subparagraph (D), all distributee <u>corporations</u> which are members of the same <u>affiliated group</u> (as defined in <u>section 1504(a)</u> without regard to section 1504(b)) shall be treated as 1 distributee <u>corporation</u>.

#### (3) SPECIAL RULES FOR DETERMINING ACTIVE CONDUCT IN THE CASE OF AFFILIATED GROUPS

#### (A) In general

For purposes of determining whether a <u>corporation</u> meets the requirements of paragraph (2) (A), all members of such <u>corporation</u>'s separate <u>affiliated group</u> shall be treated as one <u>corporation</u>.

## (B) Separate affiliated group

For purposes of this paragraph, the term "<u>separate affiliated group</u>" means, with respect to any <u>corporation</u>, the <u>affiliated group</u> which would be determined under <u>section 1504(a)</u> if such <u>corporation</u> were the common parent and section 1504(b) did not apply.

## (C) Treatment of trade or business conducted by acquired member

If a <u>corporation</u> became a member of a separate <u>affiliated group</u> as a result of one or more <u>transactions</u> in which <u>gain</u> or <u>loss</u> was recognized in whole or in part, any <u>trade or business</u> conducted by such <u>corporation</u> (at the time that such <u>corporation</u> became such a member) shall be treated for purposes of paragraph (2) as acquired in a <u>transaction</u> in which <u>gain</u> or <u>loss</u> was recognized in whole or in part.

## (D) Regulations

The <u>Secretary</u> shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this paragraph, including regulations which provide for the proper application of

subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (2), and modify the application of subsection (a) (3)(B), in connection with the application of this paragraph.

## (C) TAXABILITY OF CORPORATION ON DISTRIBUTION

## (1) IN GENERAL

Except as provided in paragraph (2), no <u>gain</u> or <u>loss</u> shall be recognized to a <u>corporation</u> on any distribution to which this section (or so much of <u>section 356</u> as relates to this section) applies and which is not in pursuance of a <u>plan</u> of <u>reorganization</u>.

## (2) DISTRIBUTION OF APPRECIATED PROPERTY

## (A) In general If—

(i) in a distribution referred to in paragraph (1), the <u>corporation</u> distributes <u>property</u> other than <u>qualified property</u>, and

(ii) the fair market value of such <u>property</u> exceeds its <u>adjusted basis</u> (in the hands of the distributing <u>corporation</u>),

then <u>gain</u> shall be recognized to the distributing <u>corporation</u> as if such <u>property</u> were sold to the distributee at its fair market value.

## (B) Qualified property

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term "<u>qualified property</u>" means any <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in the controlled <u>corporation</u>.

## (C) Treatment of liabilities

If any <u>property</u> distributed in the distribution referred to in paragraph (1) is subject to a <u>liability</u> or the <u>shareholder</u> assumes a <u>liability</u> of the distributing <u>corporation</u> in connection with the distribution, then, for purposes of subparagraph (A), the fair market value of such <u>property</u> shall be treated as not less than the amount of such <u>liability</u>.

### (3) COORDINATION WITH SECTIONS 311 AND 336(A)

Sections <u>311</u> and <u>336(a)</u> shall not apply to any distribution referred to in paragraph (1).

## (d) Recognition of gain on certain distributions of stock or securities in controlled corporation

#### (1) IN GENERAL

In the case of a <u>disqualified distribution</u>, any <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in the controlled <u>corporation</u> shall not be treated as <u>qualified property</u> for purposes of subsection (c)(2) of this section or section 361(c)(2).

(2) **DISQUALIFIED DISTRIBUTION** For purposes of this subsection, the term "<u>disqualified</u> <u>distribution</u>" means any distribution to which this section (or so much of <u>section 356</u> as relates to this section) applies if, immediately after the distribution—

(A) any <u>person</u> holds disqualified <u>stock</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u> which constitutes a <u>50-percent or greater interest</u> in such <u>corporation</u>, or

**(B)** any <u>person</u> holds disqualified <u>stock</u> in the controlled <u>corporation</u> (or, if <u>stock</u> of more than 1 controlled <u>corporation</u> is distributed, in any controlled <u>corporation</u>) which constitutes a <u>50-percent or greater interest</u> in such <u>corporation</u>.

(3) **DISQUALIFIED STOCK** For purposes of this subsection, the term "disqualified <u>stock</u>" means—

(A) any <u>stock</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u> acquired by <u>purchase</u> during the 5<u>-year</u> period ending on the date of the distribution, and

(B) any stock in any controlled corporation—

(i) acquired by <u>purchase</u> during the 5-year period ending on the date of the distribution, or

(ii) received in the distribution to the extent attributable to distributions on-

(I) stock described in subparagraph (A), or

**(II)** any <u>securities</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u> acquired by <u>purchase</u> during the 5<u>-year</u> period ending on the date of the distribution.

#### (4) 50-PERCENT OR GREATER INTEREST

For purposes of this subsection, the term "<u>50-percent or greater interest</u>" means <u>stock</u> possessing at least <u>50 percent</u> of the total combined voting power of all classes of <u>stock</u> entitled to vote or at least <u>50 percent</u> of the total value of shares of all classes of <u>stock</u>.

(5) PURCHASE For purposes of this subsection—

(A) In general Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the term "<u>purchase</u>" means any <u>acquisition</u> but only if—

(i) the basis of the <u>property</u> acquired in the hands of the acquirer is not determined (I) in whole or in part by reference to the <u>adjusted basis</u> of such <u>property</u> in the hands of the <u>person</u> from whom acquired, or (II) under section 1014(a), and

(ii) the <u>property</u> is not acquired in an exchange to which section <u>351</u>, <u>354</u>, <u>355</u>, or <u>356</u> applies.

**(B) Certain** <u>section 351</u> exchanges treated as purchases The term "<u>purchase</u>" includes any <u>acquisition</u> of <u>property</u> in an exchange to which <u>section 351</u> applies to the extent such <u>property</u> is acquired in exchange for—

- (i) any <u>cash</u> or <u>cash</u> item,
- (ii) any marketable stock or security, or
- (iii) any debt of the transferor.
- (C) Carryover basis transactions If-

(i) any <u>person</u> acquires <u>property</u> from another <u>person</u> who acquired such <u>property</u> by <u>purchase</u> (as determined under this paragraph with regard to this subparagraph), and

(ii) the <u>adjusted basis</u> of such <u>property</u> in the hands of such acquirer is determined in whole or in part by reference to the <u>adjusted basis</u> of such <u>property</u> in the hands of such other <u>person</u>,

such acquirer shall be treated as having acquired such <u>property</u> by <u>purchase</u> on the date it was so acquired by such other <u>person</u>.

#### (6) SPECIAL RULE WHERE SUBSTANTIAL DIMINUTION OF RISK

## (A) In general

If this paragraph applies to any <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> for any period, the running of any 5<u>-year</u> period set forth in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (3) (whichever applies) shall be suspended during such period.

**(B) Property to which suspension applies** This paragraph applies to any <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> for any period during which the holder's risk of <u>loss</u> with respect to such <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u>, or with respect to any <u>portion</u> of the activities of the <u>corporation</u>, is (directly or indirectly) substantially diminished by—

(i) an option,

(ii) a short sale,

- (iii) any special class of stock, or
- (iv) any other device or transaction.

(7) Aggregation rules

## (A) In general

For purposes of this subsection, a <u>person</u> and all <u>persons</u> related to such <u>person</u> (within the meaning of section 267(b) or 707(b)(1)) shall be treated as one <u>person</u>.

#### (B) Persons acting pursuant to plans or arrangements

If two or more <u>persons</u> act pursuant to a <u>plan</u> or arrangement with respect to <u>acquisitions</u> of <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u> or controlled <u>corporation</u>, such <u>persons</u> shall be treated as one <u>person</u> for purposes of this subsection.

#### (8) ATTRIBUTION FROM ENTITIES

## (A) In general

Paragraph (2) of <u>section 318(a)</u> shall apply in determining whether a <u>person holds stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in any <u>corporation</u> (determined by substituting "10 percent" for <u>"50 percent"</u> in subparagraph (C) of such paragraph (2) and by treating any reference to <u>stock</u> as including a reference to <u>securities</u>).

## (B) Deemed purchase rule If-

(i) any person acquires by purchase an interest in any entity, and

(ii) such <u>person</u> is treated under subparagraph (A) as holding any <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> by reason of holding such <u>interest</u>,

such <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> shall be treated as acquired by <u>purchase</u> by such <u>person</u> on the later of the date of the <u>purchase</u> of the <u>interest</u> in such <u>entity</u> or the date such <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> are acquired by <u>purchase</u> by such <u>entity</u>.

(9) **REGULATIONS** The <u>Secretary</u> shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including—

(A) regulations to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of this subsection through the use of

related persons, intermediaries, pass-thru entities, options, or other arrangements, and

(B) regulations modifying the definition of the term "<u>purchase</u>".

## (e) Recognition of gain on certain distributions of stock or securities in connection with acquisitions

#### (1) GENERAL RULE

If there is a distribution to which this subsection applies, any <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in the controlled <u>corporation</u> shall not be treated as <u>qualified property</u> for purposes of subsection (c)(2) of this section or section 361(c)(2).

#### (2) DISTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH SUBSECTION APPLIES

(A) In general This subsection shall apply to any distribution—

(i) to which this section (or so much of section 356 as relates to this section) applies, and

(ii) which is part of a <u>plan</u> (or series of related <u>transactions</u>) pursuant to which 1 or more <u>persons</u> acquire directly or indirectly <u>stock</u> representing a <u>50-percent or greater interest</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u> or any controlled <u>corporation</u>.

#### (B) Plan presumed to exist in certain cases

If 1 or more <u>persons</u> acquire directly or indirectly <u>stock</u> representing a <u>50-percent or greater</u> <u>interest</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u> or any controlled <u>corporation</u> during the 4<u>-year</u> period beginning on the date which is 2<u>years</u> before the date of the distribution, such <u>acquisition</u> shall be treated as pursuant to a <u>plan</u> described in subparagraph (A)(ii) unless it is established that the distribution and the <u>acquisition</u> are not pursuant to a <u>plan</u> or series of related <u>transactions</u>.

## (C) Certain plans disregarded

A <u>plan</u> (or series of related <u>transactions</u>) shall not be treated as described in subparagraph (A) (ii) if, immediately after the completion of such <u>plan</u> or <u>transactions</u>, the distributing <u>corporation</u>

and all controlled <u>corporations</u> are members of a single <u>affiliated group</u> (as defined in <u>section</u> <u>1504</u> without regard to subsection (b) thereof).

## (D) Coordination with subsection (d)

This subsection shall not apply to any distribution to which subsection (d) applies.

### (3) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO ACQUISITIONS

**(A) Certain acquisitions not taken into account** Except as provided in regulations, the following <u>acquisitions</u> shall not be taken into account in applying paragraph (2)(A)(ii):

(i) The <u>acquisition</u> of <u>stock</u> in any controlled <u>corporation</u> by the distributing <u>corporation</u>.

(ii) The <u>acquisition</u> by a <u>person</u> of <u>stock</u> in any controlled <u>corporation</u> by reason of holding <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u>.

(iii) The <u>acquisition</u> by a <u>person</u> of <u>stock</u> in any successor <u>corporation</u> of the distributing <u>corporation</u> or any controlled <u>corporation</u> by reason of holding <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in such distributing or controlled <u>corporation</u>.

(iv) The <u>acquisition</u> of <u>stock</u> in the distributing <u>corporation</u> or any controlled <u>corporation</u> to the extent that the percentage of <u>stock</u> owned directly or indirectly in such <u>corporation</u> by each <u>person</u> owning <u>stock</u> in such <u>corporation</u> immediately before the <u>acquisition</u> does not decrease.

This subparagraph shall not apply to any <u>acquisition</u> if the <u>stock</u> held before the <u>acquisition</u> was acquired pursuant to a <u>plan</u> (or series of related <u>transactions</u>) described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii).

## (B) Asset acquisitions

Except as provided in regulations, for purposes of this subsection, if the assets of the distributing <u>corporation</u> or any controlled <u>corporation</u> are acquired by a successor <u>corporation</u> in a <u>transaction</u> described in subparagraph (A), (C), or (D) of section 368(a)(1) or any other

<u>transaction</u> specified in regulations by the <u>Secretary</u>, the <u>shareholders</u> (immediately before the <u>acquisition</u>) of the <u>corporation</u> acquiring such assets shall be treated as acquiring <u>stock</u> in the <u>corporation</u> from which the assets were acquired.

#### (4) **DEFINITION AND SPECIAL RULES** For purposes of this subsection—

## (A) 50-percent or greater interest

The term "<u>50-percent or greater interest</u>" has the meaning given such term by subsection (d) (4).

## (B) Distributions in title 11 or similar case

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any distribution made in a <u>title 11 or similar case</u> (as defined in <u>section 368(a)(3)</u>).

## (C) Aggregation and attribution rules

## (i) Aggregation

The rules of paragraph (7)(A) of subsection (d) shall apply.

## (ii) Attribution

Section 318(a)(2) shall apply in determining whether a <u>person</u> holds <u>stock</u> or <u>securities</u> in any <u>corporation</u>. Except as provided in regulations, section 318(a)(2)(C) shall be applied without regard to the phrase <u>"50 percent or more in value"</u> for purposes of the preceding sentence.

## (D) Successors and predecessors

For purposes of this subsection, any reference to a controlled <u>corporation</u> or a distributing <u>corporation</u> shall include a reference to any predecessor or successor of such <u>corporation</u>.

(E) Statute of limitations If there is a distribution to which paragraph (1) applies—

(i) the statutory period for the assessment of any deficiency attributable to any part of the

<u>gain</u> recognized under this subsection by reason of such distribution shall not expire before the expiration of 3 <u>years</u> from the date the <u>Secretary</u> is notified by the <u>taxpayer</u> (in such manner as the <u>Secretary</u> may by regulations prescribe) that such distribution occurred, and

(ii) such <u>deficiency</u> may be assessed before the expiration of such 3<u>-year</u> period notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or rule of law which would otherwise prevent such assessment.

(5) **REGULATIONS** The <u>Secretary</u> shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including regulations—

(A) providing for the application of this subsection where there is more than 1 controlled <u>corporation</u>,

**(B)** treating 2 or more distributions as 1 distribution where necessary to prevent the avoidance of such purposes, and

(C) providing for the application of rules similar to the rules of subsection (d)(6) where appropriate for purposes of paragraph (2)(B).

#### (f) SECTION NOT TO APPLY TO CERTAIN INTRAGROUP DISTRIBUTIONS

Except as provided in regulations, this section (or so much of <u>section 356</u> as relates to this section) shall not apply to the distribution of <u>stock</u> from 1 member of an <u>affiliated group</u> (as defined in section 1504(a)) to another member of such group if such distribution is part of a <u>plan</u> (or series of related <u>transactions</u>) described in subsection (e)(2)(A)(ii) (determined after the application of subsection (e)).

## (g) Section not to apply to distributions involving disqualified investment corporations

(1) **IN GENERAL** This section (and so much of <u>section 356</u> as relates to this section) shall not apply to any distribution which is part of a <u>transaction</u> if—

(A) either the distributing <u>corporation</u> or controlled <u>corporation</u> is, immediately after the <u>transaction</u>, a <u>disqualified investment corporation</u>, and

**(B)** any <u>person</u> holds, immediately after the <u>transaction</u>, a <u>50-percent or greater interest</u> in any <u>disqualified investment corporation</u>, but only if such <u>person</u> did not hold such an <u>interest</u> in such <u>corporation</u> immediately before the <u>transaction</u>.

(2) **DISQUALIFIED INVESTMENT CORPORATION** For purposes of this subsection—

(A) In general The term "<u>disqualified investment corporation</u>" means any distributing or controlled <u>corporation</u> if the fair market value of the investment assets of the <u>corporation</u> is—

(i) in the case of distributions after the end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subsection,  $\frac{2}{3}$  or more of the fair market value of all assets of the <u>corporation</u>, and

(ii) in the case of distributions during such 1-<u>year</u> period, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> or more of the fair market value of all assets of the <u>corporation</u>.

#### (B) Investment assets

(i) In general Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, the term "investment assets" means—

(I) <u>cash</u>,

(II) any stock or securities in a corporation,

(III) any interest in a partnership,

(IV) any <u>debt instrument</u> or other evidence of indebtedness,

(V) any option, forward or futures <u>contract</u>, notional principal <u>contract</u>, or derivative,

(VI) foreign currency, or

(VII) any similar asset.

(ii) Exception for assets used in active conduct of certain financial trades or **businesses** Such term shall not include any asset which is held for use in the active and regular conduct of—

(I) a lending or finance business (within the meaning of section 954(h)(4)),

**(II)** a banking business through a <u>bank</u> (as defined in <u>section 581</u>), a <u>domestic building</u> and loan association (within the meaning of section 7701(a)(19)), or any similar institution specified by the <u>Secretary</u>, or

(**III**) an <u>insurance business</u> if the conduct of the business is licensed, authorized, or regulated by an applicable insurance regulatory body.

This clause shall only apply with respect to any business if substantially all of the income of the business is derived from <u>persons</u> who are not related (within the meaning of section 267(b) or 707(b)(1)) to the <u>person</u> conducting the business.

#### (iii) Exception for securities marked to market

Such term shall not include any <u>security</u> (as defined in <u>section 475(c)(2)</u>) which is held by a dealer in <u>securities</u> and to which section 475(a) applies.

#### (iv) Stock or securities in a 20-percent controlled entity

#### (I) In general

Such term shall not include any <u>stock</u> and <u>securities</u> in, or any asset described in subclause (IV) or (V) of clause (i) issued by, a <u>corporation</u> which is a 20-percent controlled<u>entity</u> with respect to the distributing or controlled<u>corporation</u>.

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The distributing or controlled <u>corporation</u> shall, for purposes of applying this subsection, be treated as owning its ratable share of the assets of any 20-percent controlled <u>entity</u>.

#### (III) 20-percent controlled entity

For purposes of this clause, the term "20-percent controlled <u>entity</u>" means, with respect to any distributing or controlled <u>corporation</u>, any <u>corporation</u> with respect to which the distributing or controlled <u>corporation</u> owns directly or indirectly <u>stock</u> meeting the requirements of section 1504(a)(2), except that such section shall be applied by substituting "20 percent" for "80 percent" and without regard to <u>stock</u> described in section 1504(a)(4).

#### (v) Interests in certain partnerships

#### (I) In general

Such term shall not include any <u>interest</u> in a <u>partnership</u>, or any <u>debt instrument</u> or other evidence of indebtedness, issued by the <u>partnership</u>, if 1 or more of the trades or businesses of the <u>partnership</u> are (or, without regard to the 5<u>-year</u> requirement under subsection (b)(2)(B), would be) taken into account by the distributing or controlled <u>corporation</u>, as the case may be, in determining whether the requirements of subsection (b) are met with respect to the distribution.

#### (II) Look-thru rule

The distributing or controlled <u>corporation</u> shall, for purposes of applying this subsection, be treated as owning its ratable share of the assets of any <u>partnership</u> described in subclause (I).

#### (3) 50-PERCENT OR GREATER INTEREST For purposes of this subsection—

#### (A) In general

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The term "<u>50-percent or greater interest</u>" has the meaning given such term by subsection (d) (4).

## (B) Attribution rules

The rules of <u>section 318</u> shall apply for purposes of determining ownership of <u>stock</u> for purposes of this paragraph.

## (4) TRANSACTION

For purposes of this subsection, the term "transaction" includes a series of transactions.

**(5) REGULATIONS** The <u>Secretary</u> shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out, or prevent the avoidance of, the purposes of this subsection, including regulations—

(A) to carry out, or prevent the avoidance of, the purposes of this subsection in cases involving \_

(i) the use of <u>related persons</u>, intermediaries, pass-thru entities, options, or other arrangements, and

(ii) the treatment of assets unrelated to the <u>trade or business</u> of a <u>corporation</u> as investment assets if, prior to the distribution, investment assets were used to acquire such unrelated assets,

**(B)** which in appropriate cases exclude from the application of this subsection a distribution which does not have the character of a redemption which would be treated as a <u>sale</u> or exchange under section 302, and

(C) which modify the application of the attribution rules applied for purposes of this subsection.

#### (h) RESTRICTION ON DISTRIBUTIONS INVOLVING REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS

## (1) IN GENERAL

This section (and so much of <u>section 356</u> as relates to this section) shall not apply to any distribution if either the distributing <u>corporation</u> or controlled <u>corporation</u> is a <u>real estate</u> <u>investment trust</u>.

#### (2) EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN DISTRIBUTIONS

## (A) Distributions of a real estate investment trust by another real estate investment trust

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any distribution if, immediately after the distribution, the distributing <u>corporation</u> and the controlled <u>corporation</u> are both <u>real estate investment trusts</u>.

**(B) Distributions of certain taxable REIT subsidiaries** Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any distribution if—

(i) the distributing <u>corporation</u> has been a <u>real estate investment trust</u> at all times during the 3<u>-year</u> period ending on the date of such distribution,

(ii) the controlled <u>corporation</u> has been a taxable REIT<u>subsidiary</u> (as defined in section 856(I)) of the distributing <u>corporation</u> at all times during such period, and

(iii) the distributing <u>corporation</u> had <u>control</u> (as defined in section 368(c) applied by taking into account <u>stock</u> owned directly or indirectly, including through one or more <u>corporations</u> or <u>partnerships</u>, by the distributing <u>corporation</u>) of the controlled <u>corporation</u> at all times during such period.

A controlled <u>corporation</u> will be treated as meeting the requirements of clauses (ii) and (iii) if the <u>stock</u> of such <u>corporation</u> was distributed by a taxable REIT <u>subsidiary</u> in a <u>transaction</u> to which this section (or so much of section 356 as relates to this section) applies and the assets of such <u>corporation</u> consist solely of the <u>stock</u> or assets held by one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries of the distributing <u>corporation</u> meeting the requirements of clauses (ii) and (iii). For purposes of clause (iii), <u>control</u> of a <u>partnership</u> means ownership of <u>at least 80 percent</u> of the profits <u>interest</u> and <u>at least 80 percent</u> of the

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, <u>68A Stat. 113</u>; <u>Pub. L. 94–455</u>, <u>title XIX</u>, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, <u>90</u> <u>Stat. 1834</u>; <u>Pub. L. 96–589</u>, §4(e)(2), Dec. 24, 1980, <u>94 Stat. 3403</u>; <u>Pub. L. 100–203</u>, <u>title X</u>,

§10223(b), Dec. 22, 1987, <u>101 Stat. 1330–411; Pub. L. 100–647, title I</u>, §1018(d)(5)(C), title II, §2004(k)(1), Nov. 10, 1988, <u>102 Stat. 3580</u>, 3605; <u>Pub. L. 101–508, title XI</u>, §§11321(a), 11702(e)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, <u>104 Stat. 1388–460</u>, 1388–515; <u>Pub. L. 104–188, title I</u>, §1704(t)(31), Aug. 20, 1996, <u>110 Stat. 1889</u>; <u>Pub. L. 105–34, title X</u>, §§1012(a), (b)(1), 1014(c), (e)(1), (2), Aug. 5, 1997, <u>111 Stat.</u> 914, 916, 921; <u>Pub. L. 105–206, title VI</u>, §6010(c)(2), July 22, 1998, <u>112 Stat. 813</u>; <u>Pub. L. 109–222, title II</u>, §202, title V, §507(a), May 17, 2006, <u>120 Stat. 348</u>, 358; <u>Pub. L. 109–432, div. A, title IV</u>, §410(a), Dec. 20, 2006, <u>120 Stat. 2963</u>; <u>Pub. L. 110–172</u>, §4(b)(1), (2), Dec. 29, 2007, <u>121 Stat. 2476</u>; <u>Pub. L. 113–295, div. A, title II</u>, §221(a)(50), Dec. 19, 2014, <u>128 Stat. 4045</u>; <u>Pub. L. 114–113, div. Q, title III</u>, §311(a), Dec. 18, 2015, <u>129 Stat. 3090</u>; <u>Pub. L. 115–141, div. U, title I</u>, §101(m), title IV, §401(a)(65), Mar. 23, 2018, <u>132 Stat. 1165</u>, 1187.)

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