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#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1043**

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(Judiciary Committee)

1	A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 1-02-12, subsection 10 of section 11-31-03,
2	subsection 1 of section 14-20-12, section 24-02-30, subsection 1 of section 25-02-01.1,
3	section sections 50-06-06.2 and 52-10-04, subsection 4 of section 52-10-05, section 52-10-07,
4	subsection 17 of section 54-52-01, sections 57-15-06 and 57-15-08, subsection 1 of section
5	57-34-03, subsections 2 and 7 of section 57-38-30.3, and section 57-51.1-03.1 of the North
6	Dakota Century Code, relating to technical corrections and improper, inaccurate, redundant,
7	missing, or obsolete references; to repeal sections 54-40.3-03, 57-15-10.2, 57-38-01.29, and
8	57-38-01.30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to obsolete provisions; and to provide
9	an effective date.

## 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 1-02-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1-02-12. Headnote Caption, cross-reference note, and source note.

No headnotecaption, source note, or cross-reference note, whether designating an entire title, chapter, section, subsection, or subdivision, constitutes any part of a statute. A headnotecaption may not be used to determine legislative intent or the legislative history for any statute. An effective date or expiration date note preceding immediately following a headnotecaption is not a part of the headnotecaption and is a part of the statute.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 10 of section 11-31-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 10. Cooperate with the <a href="mailto:public roadsfederal highway">public roadsfederal highway</a> administration or successors, the state department of transportation, and the townships of the county.
- **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 14-20-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1 1. An acknowledgment of paternity must:
  - a. Be in a record;
  - Be signed, or otherwise authenticated, under penalty of perjury by the mother and by the man seeking to establish his paternity;
  - c. State that the child whose paternity is being acknowledged:
    - (1) Does not have a presumed father, or has a presumed father whose full name is stated; and
    - (2) Does not have another acknowledged or adjudicated father;
  - d. State whether there has been genetic testing and, if so, that the acknowledging man's claim of paternity is consistent with the results of the testing; and
  - e. State that the signatories understand that the acknowledgment is the equivalent of a judicial adjudication of paternity of the child and that a challenge to the acknowledgment is permitted only under limited circumstances and is barred after one yeartwo years.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-02-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

# 24-02-30. Conditions precedent to demand for arbitration against director.

No right exists to demand arbitration against the director until the conditions specified in this section have been complied with. The contractor shall give the director notice in writing that the contractor claims the contract has been or will be performed fully on a day stated, which may not be less than ten days after the giving of such notice. At the time stated in the notice the director shall cause the work to be inspected, and if the director claims the work has not been completed, the director, with all reasonable dispatch, having regard to the early completion of the work, shall specify the particulars in which it is incomplete and shall direct that it be completed accordingly, or if the director considers further work necessary to bring the project up to the desired standard for acceptance either by the director or the United States public-readsfederal highway administration, even though the director considers such contract complete, the director likewise may specify any such additional work. The contractor shall proceed with all reasonable dispatch, having due regard to weather conditions, with the performance of all such additional work with a view to a speedy completion of the project. When the contractor claims in good faith, supported by affidavit furnished to the director, that the

contractor has completed such additional work according to the specifications furnished to the contractor, and the director fails for ten days to accept such work as completed, the contractor has the right to institute proceedings under this chapter.

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 25-02-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The department of human services shall seek appropriations and resources sufficient to ensure maintenance of the state hospital's accreditation by the joint commission enaccreditation of health care organizations and certification by the health care financing administration or by similar accrediting and certifying organizations and agencies possessing hospital standards recognized by the health care industry and accepted by the department.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-06-06.2. Clinic services - Provider qualification - Utilization of federal funds.

Within the limits of legislative appropriation therefor and in accordance with rules established by the department, the department may defray the costs of preventive diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or palliative items or services furnished medical assistance eligible individuals by regional human service centers. Within the limits of legislative appropriations and to the extent permitted by state and federal law and regulations established thereunder, it is the intent of the legislative assembly that federal funds available under title XIX of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.] be utilized to defray the costs of identifiable mental health clinic services furnished eligible individuals in regional human service centers and that federal funds available under title XX of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1397 et seq.] be utilized to defray the costs of identifiable social services furnished to eligible individuals by county social service boards and regional human service centers.

**SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 52-10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

### 52-10-04. Contributions by employees of the state and of political subdivisions.

 Every employee of the state or of a political subdivision and every employer is required to pay for the period of such coverage, into the contribution fund established by section 52-10-06, contributions, with respect to wages, as defined in section

- 52-10-02, equal to the amount of the tax which would be imposed by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act if such services constituted employment within the meaning of that Act. Such employee's liability shall arise in consideration of the employee's retention in the service of the state or of a political subdivision or the employee's entry upon such service, after the enactment of this chapter.
  - 2. The employee's contribution imposed by this section must be collected by deducting the amount of the contribution from wages as and when paid, but failure to make such deduction does not relieve the employee from liability for such contribution.
  - 3. If more or less than the correct amount of the contribution imposed by this section is paid or deducted with respect to any remuneration, proper adjustments, or refund if adjustment is impracticable, must be made, without interest, in such manner and at such times as the state agency shall prescribe.
  - 4. All unexpended employer contributions in the social security contribution fund paid in to provide a fund out of which the legislative assembly could appropriate for the administration of this chapter and chapter 52-09 as of June 30, 1987, must be transferred by the office of management and budget to the bureau for deposit by the bureau into the old-age survivors' fund established by section 52-09-05.
- **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 52-10-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
  - Delinquent payments due under subdivision a of subsection 3 must bear interest at the rate specified in the Social Security Act at 42 U.S.C. 418 and may be recovered by action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the political subdivision liable therefor or may, at the request of the state agency, be deducted from any other moneys payable to such subdivision by any department or agency of the state. In no case may the interest imposed hereby be less than five dollars. In addition, a penalty may be assessed on delinquent reports if such penalty is provided for in the Social Security Act at 42 U.S.C. 418. Any such penalty must be under the terms, conditions, and in the amounts specified in the Social Security Act. In no case may any penalty imposed hereby be less than five dollars. Annually, on each September thirtieth, the bureau shall determine the balance in the fund created by section 52-10-06 resulting from interest and penalties collected which are not or will not be due to the secretary-

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of the treasury. The bureau shall transfer this balance on September thirtieth to the old-age survivors' fund created by section 52-09-05.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 52-10-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### 52-10-07. Referenda and certification.

- With respect to employees of the state and political subdivisions who are underchapter 52-09 or who may by election come under that chapter, the governor is empowered to authorize a referendum, and with respect to the employees of any political subdivision who are under a locally administered retirement system, the governor shall authorize a referendum upon request of the governing body of such subdivision; and with respect to employees covered by any other retirement system, the governor may authorize a referendum; and in either case the referendum must be conducted and the governor shall designate an agency or individual to supervise its conduct, in accordance with the requirements of section 218(d)(3) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 418], on the question of whether service in positions covered by a retirement system established by the state or by a political subdivision thereof should be excluded from or included under an agreement under this chapter. The notice of referendum required by section 218(d)(3)(C) of the Social Security Act [42] U.S.C. 418 to be given to employees must contain or must be accompanied by a statement, in such form and such detail as the agency or individual designated to supervise the referendum shall deem necessary and sufficient, to inform the employees of the rights which will accrue to them and their dependents and survivors, and the liabilities to which they will be subject, if their services are included under an agreement under this chapter.
- 2. Upon receiving evidence satisfactory to the governor that with respect to any such referendum the conditions specified in section 218(d)(3) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 418] have been met, the governor, or an official designated by the governor to act in the governor's behalf in respect to this subsection, shall so certify to the secretary of health and human services.

1 SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Subsection 17 of section 54-52-01 of the North Dakota 2 Century Code, which becomes effective after July 31, 2017, is amended and reenacted as 3 follows: 4 17. "Retirement board" or "board" means the seven persons designated by this chapter as-5 the governing authority for the retirement system created under section 54-52-03. 6 SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 57-15-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is 7 amended and reenacted as follows: 8 57-15-06. County general fund levy. 9 The board of county commissioners may levy property taxes for county general fund 10 purposes at a tax rate not exceeding sixty mills per dollar of taxable valuation of property in the 11 county. 12 A county that levied more than sixty mills for taxable year 2015 for the combined number of 13 mills levied for general fund purposes plus the number of mills levied for other purposes 14 consolidated into the general fund levy by this Act which were combined into the general fund for 15 taxable years after 2014 may levy for general fund purposes for taxable year 2016 the same 16 number of mills that was levied for those purposes for taxable year 2015. A county may levy for 17 general fund purposes for taxable year 2017 sixty mills plus seventy-five percent of the 18 combined number of mills exceeding sixty that was levied for those purposes for taxable year 19 2015. A county may levy for general fund purposes for taxable year 2018 sixty mills plus fifty 20 percent of the combined number of mills exceeding sixty that was levied for those purposes for 21 taxable year 2015. A county may levy for general fund purposes for taxable year 2019 sixty mills 22 plus twenty-five percent of the combined number of mills exceeding sixty that was levied for 23 those purposes for taxable year 2015. 24 Unless a specific exception is provided by statute, the county general fund levy limitation 25 under this section applies to all property taxes the board of county commissioners is authorized 26 to levy for general county purposes. 27 SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. Section 57-15-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is 28 amended and reenacted as follows: 29 57-15-08. General fund levy limitations in cities. 30 The aggregate amount levied for city general fund purposes may not exceed an amount

produced by a levy of one hundred five mills on the taxable valuation of property in the city. A

city, when authorized by a majority vote of the electors of the city voting on the question at a regularly scheduled or special election called for such purpose pursuant to a resolution approved by the governing body of the city, may increase the maximum mill levy for general city purposes by not more than ten mills.

A city that levied more than one hundred five mills for taxable year 2015 in the combined number of mills levied for general fund purposes plus the number of mills levied for other purposes consolidated into the general fund levy by this Actwhich were combined into the general fund for taxable years after 2014 may levy for general fund purposes for taxable year 2016 the same number of mills that was levied for those purposes for taxable year 2015. A city may levy for general fund purposes for taxable year 2017 one hundred five mills plus seventy-five percent of the combined number of mills exceeding one hundred five that was levied for those purposes for taxable year 2015. A city may levy for general fund purposes for taxable year 2018 one hundred five mills plus fifty percent of the combined number of mills exceeding one hundred five that was levied for those purposes for taxable year 2015. A city may levy for general fund purposes for taxable year 2019 one hundred five mills plus twenty-five percent of the combined number of mills exceeding one hundred five that was levied for those purposes for taxable year 2015.

**SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-34-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. On or before July fifteenth of each year, the tax commissioner shall review the report under—subsection 3 of section 57-34-02 and compute the total tax to be assessed against each telecommunications carrier in this state at a rate of two and one-half percent of adjusted gross receipts. If the tax commissioner's computation of the total tax differs from the amount computed by a telecommunications carrier, the tax commissioner shall give notice of the change by mail to that telecommunications carrier on or before July fifteenth. The state board of equalization shall assess the tax under this section after consideration of any contest presented.

**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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- For purposes of this section, "North Dakota taxable income" means the federal taxable
  income of an individual, estate, or trust as computed under the Internal Revenue Code
  of 1986, as amended, adjusted as follows:
  - Reduced by interest income from obligations of the United States and income exempt from state income tax under federal statute or United States or North Dakota constitutional provisions.
  - b. Reduced by the portion of a distribution from a qualified investment fund described in section 57-38-01 which is attributable to investments by the qualified investment fund in obligations of the United States, obligations of North Dakota or its political subdivisions, and any other obligation the interest from which is exempt from state income tax under federal statute or United States or North Dakota constitutional provisions.
  - c. Reduced by the amount equal to the earnings that are passed through to a taxpayer in connection with an allocation and apportionment to North Dakota under section 57-38-01.35.
  - d. Reduced by forty percent of:
    - (1) The excess of the taxpayer's net long-term capital gain for the taxable year over the net short-term capital loss for that year, as computed for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The adjustment provided by this subdivision is allowed only to the extent the net long-term capital gain is allocated to this state.
    - (2) Qualified dividends as defined under Internal Revenue Code section 1(h) (11), added by section 302(a) of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 [Pub. L. 108-27; 117 Stat. 752; 2 U.S.C. 963 et seq.], but only if taxed at a federal income tax rate that is lower than the regular federal income tax rates applicable to ordinary income. If, for any taxable year, qualified dividends are taxed at the regular federal income tax rates applicable to ordinary income, the reduction allowed under this subdivision is equal to thirty percent of all dividends included in federal taxable income. The adjustment provided by this subdivision is allowed only to the extent the qualified dividend income is allocated to this state.

1 Increased by the amount of a lump sum distribution for which income averaging 2 was elected under section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 3 402], as amended. This adjustment does not apply if the taxpayer received the 4 lump sum distribution while a nonresident of this state and the distribution is 5 exempt from taxation by this state under federal law. 6 f. Increased by an amount equal to the losses that are passed through to a 7 taxpayer in connection with an allocation and apportionment to North Dakota 8 under section 57-38-01.35. 9 Reduced by the amount received by the taxpayer as payment for services g. 10 performed when mobilized under title 10 United States Code federal service as a 11 member of the national guard or reserve member of the armed forces of the 12 United States. This subdivision does not apply to federal service while attending 13 annual training, basic military training, or professional military education. 14 Reduced by income from a new and expanding business exempt from state h. 15 income tax under section 40-57.1-04. 16 Reduced by interest and income from bonds issued under chapter 11-37. 17 Reduced by up to ten thousand dollars of qualified expenses that are related to a j. 18 donation by a taxpayer or a taxpayer's dependent, while living, of one or more 19 human organs to another human being for human organ transplantation. A 20 taxpayer may claim the reduction in this subdivision only once for each instance 21 of organ donation during the taxable year in which the human organ donation and 22 the human organ transplantation occurs but if qualified expenses are incurred in 23 more than one taxable year, the reduction for those expenses must be claimed in 24 the year in which the expenses are incurred. For purposes of this subdivision: 25 (1) "Human organ transplantation" means the medical procedure by which 26 transfer of a human organ is made from the body of one person to the body 27 of another person. 28 "Organ" means all or part of an individual's liver, pancreas, kidney, intestine, (2) 29 lung, or bone marrow. 30 (3) "Qualified expenses" means lost wages not compensated by sick pay and

unreimbursed medical expenses as defined for federal income tax

1		purposes, to the extent not deducted in computing federal taxable income,
2		whether or not the taxpayer itemizes federal income tax deductions.
3	<del>k.</del> j <u>.</u>	Increased by the amount of the contribution upon which the credit under section
4		57-38-01.21 is computed, but only to the extent that the contribution reduced
5		federal taxable income.
6	ŀ.	Reduced by the amount of any payment received by a veteran or beneficiary of a
7		veteran under section 37-28-03 or 37-28-04.
8	<del>m.</del>	Reduced by the amount received by a taxpayer that was paid by an employer
9		under paragraph 4 of subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 57-38-01.25 to hire
10		the taxpayer for a hard-to-fill position under section 57-38-01.25, but only to the
11		extent the amount received by the taxpayer is included in federal taxable income.
12		The reduction applies only if the employer is entitled to the credit under section-
13		57-38-01.25. The taxpayer must attach a statement from the employer in which
14		the employer certifies that the employer is entitled to the credit under section
15		57-38-01.25 and which specifically identified the type of payment and the amount
16		of the exemption under this section.
17	<del>n.</del> <u>k.</u>	Reduced by the amount up to a maximum of five thousand dollars, or ten
18		thousand dollars if a joint return is filed, for contributions made under a higher
19		education savings plan administered by the Bank of North Dakota, pursuant to
20		section 6-09-38.
21	<del>o.</del> l.	Reduced by the amount of income of a taxpayer, who resides anywhere within
22		the exterior boundaries of a reservation situated in this state or situated both in
23		this state and in an adjoining state and who is an enrolled member of a federally
24		recognized Indian tribe, from activities or sources anywhere within the exterior
25		boundaries of a reservation situated in this state or both situated in this state and
26		in an adjoining state.
27	<del>p.</del> <u>m.</u>	For married individuals filing jointly, reduced by an amount equal to the excess of
28		the recomputed itemized deductions or standard deduction over the amount of
29		the itemized deductions or standard deduction deducted in computing federal
30		taxable income. For purposes of this subdivision, "itemized deductions or
31		standard deduction" means the amount under section 63 of the Internal Revenue

1		Code that the married individuals deducted in computing their federal taxable
2		income and "recomputed itemized deductions or standard deduction" means an
3		amount determined by computing the itemized deductions or standard deduction
4		in a manner that replaces the basic standard deduction under section 63(c)(2) of
5		the Internal Revenue Code for married individuals filing jointly with an amount
6		equal to double the amount of the basic standard deduction under section 63(c)
7		(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for a single individual other than a head of
8		household and surviving spouse. If the married individuals elected under
9		section 63(e) of the Internal Revenue Code to deduct itemized deductions in
10		computing their federal taxable income even though the amount of the allowable
11		standard deduction is greater, the reduction under this subdivision is not allowed
12		Married individuals filing jointly shall compute the available reduction under this
13		subdivision in a manner prescribed by the tax commissioner.
14	SECTION	N 15. AMENDMENT. Subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota
15	Century Code	e is amended and reenacted as follows:
16	7. A ta	xpayer filing a return under this section is entitled to the following tax credits:
17	a.	Family care tax credit under section 57-38-01.20.
18	b.	Renaissance zone tax credits under sections 40-63-04, 40-63-06, and 40-63-07.
19	C.	Agricultural business investment tax credit under section 57-38.6-03.
20	d.	Seed capital investment tax credit under section 57-38.5-03.
21	e.	Planned gift tax credit under section 57-38-01.21.
22	f.	Biodiesel fuel or green diesel fuel tax credits under sections 57-38-01.22 and
23		57-38-01.23.
24	g.	Internship employment tax credit under section 57-38-01.24.
25	h.	Workforce recruitment credit under section 57-38-01.25.
26	i.	Angel fund investment tax credit under section 57-38-01.26.
27	j.	Microbusiness tax credit under section 57-38-01.27.
28	k.	Marriage penalty credit under section 57-38-01.28.
29	I.	Homestead income tax credit under section 57-38-01.29.
30	<del>m.</del>	Commercial property income tax credit under section 57-38-01.30.
31	<del>n.</del>	Research and experimental expenditures under section 57-38-30.5.

1	<del>o.</del> m.	Geothermal energy device installation credit under section 57-38-01.8.		
2	<del>p.</del> n.	Long-term care partnership plan premiums income tax credit under section		
3		57-38-29.3.		
4	<del>q.</del> o.	Employer tax credit for salary and related retirement plan contributions of		
5		mobilized employees under section 57-38-01.31.		
6	<del>r.</del> p.	Automating manufacturing processes tax credit under section 57-38-01.33		
7		(effective for the first five taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012).		
8	<u>s.q.</u>	Income tax credit for passthrough entity contributions to private education		
9		institutions under section 57-38-01.7.		
10	SECTION	N 16. AMENDMENT. Section 57-51.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is		
11	amended and reenacted as follows:			
12	57-51.1-03.1. Stripper well, new well, work-over, and secondary or tertiary project			
13	certification	for tax exemption or rate reduction - Filing requirement.		
14	<u>1.</u> To r	eceive the benefits of a tax exemption or tax rate reduction, a certification of		
15	qua	lifying well status prepared by the industrial commission must be submitted to the		
16	tax	commissioner as follows:		
17	<del>1.</del> a.	To receive, from the first day of eligibility, a tax exemption on production from a		
18		stripper well property or individual stripper well under subsection 2 of section		
19		57-51.1-03, the industrial commission's certification must be submitted to the tax		
20		commissioner within eighteen months after the end of the stripper well property's		
21	ı	or stripper well's qualification period.		
22	<del>2. To r</del>	eceive, from the first day of eligibility, a tax exemption under subsection 3 of		
23	sec	tion 57-51.1-03 and a rate reduction on production from a new well under		
24	sub	section 4 of section 57-51.1-0257-51.1-03, the industrial commission's certification		
25	mus	st be submitted to the tax commissioner within eighteen months after a new well is		
26	com	<del>npleted.</del>		
27	<del>3. To r</del>	eceive, from the first day of eligibility, a tax exemption under subsection 4 of		
28	sec	tion 57-51.1-03 and a rate reduction for a work-over well under section 57-51.1-02,		
29	the	industrial commission's certification must be submitted to the tax commissioner		
30	with	in eighteen months after the work-over project is completed.		

1 To receive, from the first day of eligibility, a tax exemption under subsection 3 of <del>4.</del> b. 2 section 57-51.1-03 and a tax rate reduction under section 57-51.1-02 on 3 production from a secondary or tertiary project, the industrial commission's 4 certification must be submitted to the tax commissioner within the following time-5 periods: 6 For a tax exemption, within eighteen months after the month in which the first a. 7 incremental oil was produced. 8 For a tax rate reduction, within eighteen months after the end of the period-<del>b.</del> 9 qualifying the project for the rate reduction. 10 <del>5.</del> To receive, from the first day of eligibility, a tax exemption or the reduction on C. 11 production for which any other tax exemption or rate reduction may apply, the 12 industrial commission's certification must be submitted to the tax commissioner 13 within eighteen months of the completion, recompletion, or other qualifying date. 14 To receive, from the first day of eligibility, a tax exemption under subsection 6 of 15 section 57-51.1-03 on production from a two-year inactive well, the industrial 16 commission's certification must be submitted to the tax commissioner within eighteen-17 months after the end of the two-year inactive well's qualification period. 18 If the industrial commission's certification is not submitted to the tax commissioner 19 within the eighteen-month period provided in this section, then the exemption or rate 20 reduction does not apply for the production periods in which the certification is not on 21 file with the tax commissioner. When the industrial commission's certification is 22 submitted to the tax commissioner after the eighteen-month period, the tax exemption 23 or rate reduction applies to prospective production periods only and the exemption or rate reduction is effective the first day of the month in which the certification is 24 25 received by the tax commissioner. 26 **SECTION 17. REPEAL.** Sections <u>54-40.3-03.</u> 57-15-10.2, 57-38-01.29, and 57-38-01.30 of 27 the North Dakota Century Code are repealed. 28 **SECTION 18. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 4016 of this Act is effective for taxable events 29 occurring after December 31, 2015.