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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF TAX TREATMENT OF BONDS**  
2 **AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY GOV-**  
3 **ERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA.**

4 (a) EXEMPTION OF ALL BONDS FROM INCOME TAX-  
5 ATION BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—Sub-  
6 section (b) of section 202 of Public Law 98–454 (48  
7 U.S.C. 1670) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(b) EXEMPTION OF ALL BONDS FROM INCOME  
9 TAXATION BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The interest on any bond  
11 or other obligation issued by or on behalf of the  
12 Government of American Samoa shall be exempt  
13 from taxation by the Government of American  
14 Samoa and the governments of any of the several  
15 States, the District of Columbia, any territory or  
16 possession of the United States, and any subdivision  
17 thereof.

18 “(2) EXEMPTION APPLICABLE ONLY TO INCOME  
19 TAXES.—The exemption provided by paragraph (1)  
20 shall not apply to gift, estate, inheritance, legacy,  
21 succession, or other wealth transfer taxes.”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       This Act shall apply to obligations issued after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act.

          Passed the House of Representatives November 4,  
2003.

Attest:

*Clerk.*