

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 982

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 5, 2003

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT

To clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations
issued by the Government of American Samoa.

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:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.