

## Calendar No. 655

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION**H. R. 982**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 5, 2003

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

JULY 20, 2004

Reported by Mr. GRASSLEY, without amendment

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**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,*

3 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF TAX TREATMENT OF BONDS**

4 **AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY GOV-**

5 **ERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA.**

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

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

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The interest on any bond  
4 or other obligation issued by or on behalf of the  
5 Government of American Samoa shall be exempt  
6 from taxation by the Government of American  
7 Samoa and the governments of any of the several  
8 States, the District of Columbia, any territory or  
9 possession of the United States, and any subdivision  
10 thereof.

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

15 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16       This Act shall apply to obligations issued after the  
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

      Passed the House of Representatives November 4,  
2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*



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