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CHAPTER 1103

WORLD WAR II VICTIM PROPERTY REPARATIONS

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AN ACT relating to distributions made to and income from missing property of certain persecuted victims of World War II and their heirs, including effective and retroactive applicability dates.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. **NEW SECTION.** 217.39 PERSECUTED VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II AND THEIR HEIRS.

Notwithstanding any other law of this state, payments paid to and income from lost property of a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime or as an heir of such victim which is exempt from state income tax as provided in section 422.7, subsection 35, shall not be considered as income or an asset for determining the eligibility for state or local government benefit or entitlement programs. The proceeds are not subject to recoupment for the receipt of governmental benefits or entitlements and liens, except liens for child support, are not enforceable against these sums for any reason.

Sec. 2. Section 422.7, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection: **NEW SUBSECTION.** 35. Subtract, to the extent included, the following:

a. Payments made to the taxpayer because of his or her status as a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime or as an heir of such victim.

b. Items of income attributable to, derived from, or in any way related to assets stolen from, hidden from, or otherwise lost to a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime immediately prior to, during, and immediately after World War II, including, but not limited to, interest on the proceeds receivable as insurance under policies issued to a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime by European insurance companies immediately prior to and during World War II. However, income from assets acquired with such assets or with the proceeds from the sale of such assets shall not be subtracted. This paragraph shall only apply to a taxpayer who was the first recipient of such assets after recovery of the assets and who is a victim of persecution for racial, ethnic, or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime or is an heir of such victim.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment. Section 2 of this Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2000, for tax years beginning on or after that date.

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