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REVENUE LAWS SECOND AMENDMENT BILL

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GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

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BILL

To amend the Income Tax Act, 1962, so as to amend certain definitions; to amend certain provisions; to amend certain Schedules; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

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Amendment of section 1 of Act 58 of 1962, as amended by section 3 of Act 90 of 1962, section 1 of Act 6 of 1963, section 4 of Act 72 of 1963, section 4 of Act 90 of 1964, section 5 of Act 88 of 1965, section 5 of Act 55 of 1966, section 5 of Act 76 of 1968, section 6 of Act 89 of 1969, section 6 of Act 52 of 1970, section 4 of Act 88 of 1971, section 4 of Act 90 of 1972, section 4 of Act 65 of 1973, section 4 of Act 85 of 1974, section 4 of Act 69 of 1975, section 4 of Act 103 of 1976, section 4 of Act 113 of 1977, section 3 of Act 101 of 1978, section 3 of Act 104 of 1979, section 2 of Act 104 of 1980, section 2 of Act 96 of 1981, section 3 of Act 91 of 1982, section 2 of Act 94 of 1983, section 1 of Act 30 of 1984, section 2 of Act 121 of 1984, section 2 of Act 96 of 1985, section 2 of Act 65 of 1986, section 1 of Act 108 of 1986, section 2 of Act 85 of 1987, section 2 of Act 90 of 1988, section of Act 99 of 1988, Government Notice R780 of 1989, section 2 of Act 70 of 1989, section 2 of Act 101 of 1990, section 2 of Act 129 of 1991, section 2 of Act 141 of 1992, section 2 of Act 113 of 1993, section 2 of Act 21 of 1994, section 2 of Act 21 of 1995, section 2 of Act 36 of 1996, section 2 of Act 28 of 1997, section 19 of Act 30 of 1998, Government Notice 1503 of 1998, section 10 of Act 53 of 1999, section 13 of Act 30 of 2000, section 2 of Act 59 of 2000, section 5 of Act 5 of 2001, section 3 of Act 19 of 2001, section 17 of Act 60 of 2001, section 9 of Act 30 of 2002, section 6 of Act 74 of 2002, section 33 of Act 12 of 2003, section 12 of Act 45 of 2003, section 3 of Act 16 of 2004, section 3 of Act 32 of 2004, section 3 of Act 32 of 2005, section 19 of Act 9 of 2006, section 3 of Act 20 of 2006, section 3 of Act 8 of 2007, section 5 of Act 35 of 2007, section 2 of Act 3 of 2008, section 4 of Act 60 of 2008, section 7 of Act 17 of 2009, section 6 of Act 7 of 2010, section 7 of Act 24 of 2011, section 271 of Act 28 of 2011, read with item 23 of Schedule 1 to that Act, section 2 of Act 22 of 2012, section 4 of Act 31 of 2013, section 1 of Act 43 of 2014, section 3 of Act 25 of 2015, section 5 of Act 15 of 2016, section 2 of Act 17 of 2017, section 1 of Act 23 of 2018, section 34 of Act 34 of 2019, section 2 of Act 23 of 2020, section 4 of Act 20 of 2021, section 1 of Act 20 of 2022 and section 1 of Revenue Laws Amendment Act of 2024

1. (1) Section 1(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1962, is hereby amended—
 - (a) by the substitution for the definition of “legacy retirement annuity policy” of the following definition:

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“ **‘legacy retirement annuity policy’** means any policy held by a retirement annuity fund entered into before 1 September 2024 with a pre-universal life or universal life construct, subject to such conditions **[that]** as the Financial Sector Conduct Authority may determine;”;

- (b) by the substitution for the definitions of “member’s interest in the retirement component”, “member’s interest in the savings component” and “member’s interest in the vested component”, respectively, of the following definitions:

“ **‘member’s interest in the retirement component’** means the interest of a member of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund in the retirement component established for that member by that fund, and includes—

- (a) any amount allocated to **[the]** that retirement component as contemplated in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of the proviso to the definition of ‘retirement component’;
- (b) any amount credited to **[the]** that retirement component on or after 1 September 2024; and
- (c) any fund return as defined in section 1 of the Pension Funds Act in relation to **[amounts]** an amount contemplated in **[paragraphs]** paragraph (a) [and] or (b); and

(d)]

, as determined in terms of the rules of the fund, which amount or fund return is reduced proportionally by any amount [determined] deducted from a member's benefit or minimum individual reserve in terms of section 37D(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Pension Funds Act, which [amount] is [deemed to be] treated as a retirement fund lump sum withdrawal benefit [contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b) of the Second Schedule, as determined in terms of the rules of the fund];

‘member’s interest in the savings component’ means the interest of a member of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund in the savings component established for that member by that fund, and includes—

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- (a) any amount allocated to **[the]** that savings component as contemplated in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) of the proviso to the definition of 'savings component';
- (b) any amount credited to **[the]** that savings component on or after 1 September 2024; and
- (c) any fund return as defined in section 1 of the Pension Funds Act in relation to **[amounts]** an amount contemplated in **[paragraphs]** paragraph (a) [and] or (b)[;].

[(d)]

as determined in terms of the rules of the fund, which amount or fund return is—

- (i) reduced by any amount withdrawn as contemplated in the definition of 'savings withdrawal benefit'; and
- [(e)](ii)** reduced proportionally by any amount **[determined]** deducted from a member's benefit or minimum individual reserve in terms of section 37D(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Pension Funds Act, which [amount] is [deemed to be] treated as a retirement fund lump sum withdrawal benefit [contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b) of the Second Schedule,

as determined in terms of the rules of the fund];

'member's interest in the vested component' means the interest of a member of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund in the vested component established for that member by that fund, and includes—

- (a) the value of the **[member's]** interest of that member in [the] that fund [that exists] immediately prior to 1 September 2024;
- (b) any amount credited to **[the member's]** that vested component on or after 1 September 2024; and
- (c) any fund return as defined in section 1 of the Pension Funds Act in relation to **[amounts]** an amount contemplated in **[paragraphs]** paragraph (a) [and] or (b)[;].

[(d)]

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as determined in terms of the rules of the fund, which value, amount or fund return is—

- (i) reduced by **[any]** the amount allocated as contemplated in paragraph (a) of the definition of ‘savings component’; and
- [(e)](ii)** reduced proportionally by any amount **[determined]** deducted from a member's benefit or minimum individual reserve in terms of section 37D(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Pension Funds Act, which **[amount]** is **[deemed to be]** treated as a retirement fund lump sum withdrawal benefit [contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b) of the Second Schedule,
, as determined in terms of the rules of the fund];”;

- (c) by the substitution in the definition of “pension fund” for paragraph (i) of the proviso of the following paragraph:

“(i) that the fund is a permanent fund *bona fide* established for the purpose of providing annuities for employees on retirement date or for the dependants or nominees of deceased employees, or mainly for the said purpose and also for the purpose of providing benefits other than annuities for the persons aforesaid or for the purpose of providing any benefit contemplated in **[the definition of ‘savings withdrawal benefit’,]** paragraph 2C of the Second Schedule or section 15A or 15E of the Pension Funds Act; and”;

- (d) by the substitution in the definition of “pension fund” in subparagraph (dd) of paragraph (ii) of the proviso for the words preceding paragraph (A) of the proviso of the following words:

“that not more than one-third of the portion of the member’s retirement interest in the vested component may be commuted for a single payment, and that the remainder, calculated together with the member’s retirement interest in the retirement component, must be paid in the form of an annuity (including a living annuity), a combination of annuities (including a combination of methods of paying the annuity) or a combination of types of annuities except where two-thirds of the member’s total retirement interest in the vested component, calculated together with the member’s total retirement interest in the retirement component, does not exceed R165 000,

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where the employee is deceased or where the employee elects to transfer the retirement interest to a pension preservation fund, provident preservation fund or **[a]** retirement annuity fund[;]; Provided that in determining the value of the retirement interest in the vested component an amount calculated as follows must not be taken into account—”;

- (e) by the substitution in the definition of “pension fund” for the further proviso of the following further proviso:

“: Provided further that the Commissioner may approve or recognise a fund contemplated in—

- (i) paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) in respect of any year of assessment, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the rules of the fund provide—

(aa) for the creation of **[the]** a ‘savings component’, ‘retirement component’ and ‘vested component’**[as defined in section 1]**;

(bb) that **[an employee]** a member may, prior to his or her retirement date, elect to receive the payment of—

- (A) an amount from the retirement component, deemed to be **[paid as a lump sum benefit]** an amount received by or accrued to the member by way of a lump sum benefit as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule, where [a] the member—

(AA) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021;

(BB) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—

(AAA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 40 of 2002);

(BBB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of **[the]** that Act

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by the Director-General, as defined in that Act; or

- (CC) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of application for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of currency on or before 28 February 2022; or
- (B) an amount from the vested component, deemed to be **[paid as a lump sum benefit]** an amount received by or accrued to the member by way of a lump sum benefit as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule, where [a] the member—

 - (AA) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021;
 - (BB) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—
 - (AAA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of 'visa' in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002); or
 - (BBB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of 'visa' in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of **[the] that** Act by the Director-General, as defined in that Act; or
 - (CC) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of

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exchange control in respect of application for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of currency on or before 28 February 2022;
or

- (ii) paragraph **[(a), (b) or (d)] (c)** in respect of any year of assessment, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the rules of the fund provide that not more than one-third of the employee's retirement interest in the vested component may be commuted for a single payment and that the remainder, calculated together with the employee's interest in the retirement component, must be paid in the form of an annuity (including a living annuity), a combination of annuities (including a combination of methods of paying the annuity) or a combination of types of annuities except where two-thirds of the **[employee's] member's retirement** interest in the vested component calculated together with the **[employee's] member's total** interest in the retirement component, does not exceed R165 000, where the employee is deceased or where the employee elects to transfer the retirement interest to a pension preservation fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund;";
- (f) by the substitution in the definition of "pension preservation fund" for item (aa) in paragraph (a)(i) of the proviso of the following item:
 - "(aa) resignation, retrenchment or dismissal from employment and who elected to have any lump sum benefit that is payable as a result of the termination transferred to **[that] this** fund, including lump sums transferred from [the] a member's vested component, savings component and retirement component in the previous fund to the member's vested component, savings component and retirement component in this fund;";
- (g) by the substitution in the definition of "pension preservation fund" for subparagraph (ii)(bb) in paragraph (a) of the proviso of the following subparagraph:

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- “(bb) **[if the member]** who elected to have any amount received or accrued by way of a lump sum benefit as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule transferred to this pension preservation fund and who **[have]** made this election while they were members of that other fund, including lump sums transferred from the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in the previous fund to the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in this fund;”;
- (h) by the substitution in the definition of “pension preservation fund” for subparagraph (v) in paragraph (a) of the proviso of the following subparagraph:
- “(v) former members of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund or provident preservation fund who **[have]** elected to have a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(c) of the Second Schedule transferred to this pension preservation fund and who **[have]** made this election while they were members of that other fund, including lump sums transferred from the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in the previous fund to the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in this fund;”;
- (i) by the substitution in the definition of “pension preservation fund” for paragraph (b) of the proviso of the following paragraph:
- “(b) payments or transfers to the fund in respect of a member are limited to any amount **[allocated to the vested component, savings component or retirement component or an amount]** contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(a)(ii), (b) or (c) of the Second Schedule, together with the member's interest in the vested component, the member's interest in the savings component and the member's interest in the retirement component, or any unclaimed benefit as defined in the Pension Funds Act that is paid or transferred to the fund by—”;
- (j) by the substitution in the definition of “pension preservation fund” for subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of the proviso of the following subparagraph:
- “(i) this paragraph applies separately to each payment or transfer to the vested component or an amount in paragraph 2(1)(a)(ii), (b) or (c) of

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the Second Schedule or any unclaimed benefit as defined in the Pension Funds Act that is paid or transferred to the fund;”;

- (k) by the substitution in the definition of “pension preservation fund” for subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of the proviso of the following subparagraph:

“(ii) a member shall, prior to his or her retirement date, be entitled to the payment of—

(aa) an amount from the retirement component, deemed to be paid by way of a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule where [a] the member—

(a) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of applications for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of **[the]** currency on or before 28 February 2022; or

(b) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021; or

(c) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—

(AA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 50 2002); or

(BB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of that Act by the Director-General, as defined in that Act; and

(bb) an amount from the **[retirement component and]** vested component, deemed to be paid as a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule, where **[a] the member—**

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- (A) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021;
 - (B) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—
 - (AA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002); or
 - (BB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of **[the] that** Act by the Director-General, as defined in that Act; or
 - (C) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of application for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of currency on or before 28 February 2022; and”;
- (l) by the substitution in the definition of “pension preservation fund” for subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of the proviso of the following subparagraph:
- “(iii) a member who has transferred a retirement interest in terms of paragraph 2(1)(c) of the Second Schedule to this fund shall not be entitled to payment of a withdrawal benefit from the vested component as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule in respect of that transferred amount, except to the extent that it is an amount contemplated in subparagraph (ii) or a savings withdrawal benefit; and”;
- (m) by the substitution in the definition of “pension preservation fund” for paragraph (e) of the proviso of the following paragraph:
- “(e) not more than one-third of the portion of the member's retirement interest in the vested component may be commuted for a single payment, and that the remainder, calculated together with the

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member's retirement interest in the retirement component, must be paid in the form of an annuity (including a living annuity), a combination of annuities (including a combination of methods of paying the annuity) or a combination of types of annuities except where two-thirds of the member's total retirement interest in their vested component, calculated together with the member's total retirement interest in their retirement component does not exceed R165 000, where the member is deceased or where the member elects to transfer the retirement interest to a pension preservation fund, provident preservation fund or **[a]** retirement annuity fund: Provided that in determining the value of the retirement interest an amount calculated as follows must not be taken into account—”;

- (n) by the addition in the definition of “pension preservation fund” of the following further proviso:

“: Provided further that the Commissioner may approve a fund in respect of any year of assessment, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the rules of the fund provide for the creation of **[the] a** ‘savings component’, ‘retirement component’ and ‘vested component’ **[as defined in section 1]**”;

- (o) by the substitution in subsection (1) in the definition of “provident fund” for paragraph (i) of the proviso of the following paragraph:

“(i) that the fund is a permanent fund *bona fide* established solely for the purpose of providing annuities for employees on retirement date or **[solely for the]** for the dependants or nominees of deceased employees or deceased **[former]** employees or **[solely for a combination of such purposes or]** mainly for the said purpose and also for the purpose of providing benefits other than annuities for the persons aforesaid or for the purpose of providing any benefit contemplated in the definition of ‘savings withdrawal benefit’, paragraph 2C of the Second Schedule or section 15A or 15E of the Pension Funds Act; and”;

- (p) by the substitution in the definition of “provident fund” in subparagraph (dd) of paragraph (ii) of the proviso for the words preceding paragraph (A) of the proviso of the following words:

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“that not more than one-third of the portion of the member's retirement interest **[that exists in an employee's interest]** in the vested component may be commuted for a single payment, and that the remainder calculated together with the **[employee's]** member's retirement interest in the retirement component must be paid in the form of an annuity (including a living annuity), a combination of annuities (including a combination of methods of paying the annuity) or a combination of types of annuities except where two-thirds of the **[employee's]** member's total retirement interest in the vested component, calculated together with the **[employee's]** member's total interest in the retirement component, does not exceed R165 000, where the **[employee]** member is deceased or where the **[employee]** member elects to transfer the retirement interest to a pension preservation fund, provident preservation fund or a retirement annuity fund: Provided that in determining the value of the retirement interest an amount calculated as follows must not be taken into account—;”;

- (q) by the substitution in the definition of “provident fund” for the further proviso of the following further proviso:

“: Provided further that the Commissioner may approve or recognise a fund contemplated in—

- (i) paragraph (a), (b) (c) or (d) in respect of any year of assessment, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the rules of the fund provide—
- (aa) for the creation of **[the ‘savings component’, ‘retirement component’ and ‘vested component’ as defined in section 1]** a savings component, retirement component and vested component;
- (bb) that **[an employee]** a member shall, prior to his or her retirement date, be entitled to elect to receive the payment of an amount from the retirement component, deemed to be paid **[as]** by way of a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule, where a member—
- (AA) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021; or
- (BB) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—

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- (AAA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of 'visa' in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002); or
 - (BBB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of 'visa' in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of **[the]** that Act by the Director-General, as defined in that Act; or
 - (CC) is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of application for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of currency on or before 28 February 2022; or
- (ii) paragraph **[(a), (b) or [(c)]** (d) in respect of any year of assessment, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the rules of the fund provide that not more than one-third of the **[employee's]** member's retirement interest in the vested component may be commuted for a single payment and that the remainder, calculated together with the member's interest in the retirement component, must be paid in the form of an annuity (including a living annuity), a combination of annuities (including a combination of methods of paying the annuity) or a combination of types of annuities except where two-thirds of the **[employee's]** member's total retirement interest in the vested component, calculated together with the **[employee's]** member's total interest in the retirement component, does not exceed R165 000, where the **[employee]** member is deceased or where the **[employee]** member elects to transfer the retirement interest to a pension preservation fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund;";
- (r) by the substitution in the definition of "provident preservation fund" for item (aa) of paragraph (a)(i) of the proviso of the following item:

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- “(aa) resignation, retrenchment or dismissal from employment and who elected to have any lump sum benefit that is payable as a result of the termination transferred to that fund, including lump sums transferred from the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in the previous fund to the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in this fund;”;
- (s) by the substitution in the definition of “provident preservation fund” for item (bb) of paragraph (a)(ii) of the proviso of the following item:
- “(bb) if the member elected to have any lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule transferred to this **[pension]** provident preservation fund and who made this election while they were members of that other fund, including lump sums transferred from the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in the previous fund to the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in this fund;”;
- (t) by the substitution in the definition of “provident preservation fund” for subparagraph (v) of paragraph (a) of the proviso of the following subparagraph:
- “(v) former members of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund or provident preservation fund who have elected to have a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(c) of the Second Schedule transferred to this provident preservation fund and who made the election while they were members of that other fund, including lump sums transferred from the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in the previous fund to the member’s vested component, savings component and retirement component in this fund; or”;
- (u) by the substitution in the definition of “provident preservation fund” for the words preceding subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of the proviso of the following words:
- “payments or transfers to the fund in respect of a member are limited to any amount **[allocated to the vested component, savings component or retirement component or an amount]** contemplated in paragraph

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2(1)(a)(ii), (b) or (c) of the Second Schedule, together with the member's interest in the vested component, the member's interest in the savings component and the member's interest in the retirement component, or any unclaimed benefit as defined in the Pension Funds Act that is paid or transferred to the fund by—”;

- (v) by the substitution in the definition of “provident preservation fund” for subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of the proviso of the following subparagraph:

“(ii) a member shall, prior to his or her retirement date, be entitled to the payment of—

(aa) a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule where a member—

- (a) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of applications for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of **[the]** currency on or before 28 February 2022;
- (b) is a person who is not resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021; or
- (c) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—

(AA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002); or

(BB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of **[the]** that Act by the Director-General, as defined in that Act;

(bb) an amount from the retirement component or vested component, deemed to be paid as a lump sum benefit

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contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule, where **[a]** the member—

(A) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021;

or

(B) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—

(AA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002); or

(BB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of **[the]** that Act by the Director-General, as defined in that Act; or

(C) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of application for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of currency on or before 28 February 2022; and”;

(w) by the substitution in the definition of “provident preservation fund” for paragraph (iii) of the proviso to paragraph (c) of the proviso of the following paragraph:

“(iii) a member who has transferred a retirement interest in terms of paragraph 2(1)(c) of the Second Schedule to this fund shall not be entitled to payment of a withdrawal benefit from the vested component as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule in respect of that transferred amount, except to the extent that it is an amount contemplated in subparagraph (ii) or a savings withdrawal benefit; and”;

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- (x) by the substitution in the definition of “provident preservation fund” in paragraph (e) of the proviso for the words preceding paragraph (a) of the proviso of the following words:

“not more than one-third of the portion of the member’s retirement interest in the vested component **[immediately prior to 1 March 2025]** may be commuted for a single payment, and that the remainder, calculated together with the member’s retirement interest in the retirement component, must be paid in the form of an annuity (including a living annuity), a combination of annuities (including a combination of methods of paying the annuity) or a combination of types of annuities except where two-thirds of the member’s total retirement interest in their vested component, calculated together with the member’s total retirement interest in their retirement component, does not exceed R165 000, where the member is deceased or where the member elects to transfer the retirement interest to a pension preservation fund, a provident preservation fund or a retirement annuity fund:

Provided that in determining the value of the retirement interest in the vested component an amount calculated as follows must not be taken into account:”;

- (y) by the substitution in the definition of “provident preservation fund” for the further proviso of the following further proviso:

“: Provided further that the Commissioner may approve a fund in respect of any year of assessment, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the rules of the fund provide for the creation of **[the ‘savings component’, ‘retirement component’ and ‘vested component’ as defined in section 1]** a savings component, retirement component and vested component;”;

- (z) by the substitution in the definition of “retirement annuity fund” for paragraph (a) of the proviso of the following paragraph:

“(a) that the fund is a permanent fund *bona fide* established for the sole purpose of providing life annuities for the members of the fund or annuities for the dependants or nominees of deceased members or for the purpose of providing any benefit contemplated in the ‘savings withdrawal benefit’ in section 1; and”;

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(zA) by the substitution in the definition of “retirement annuity fund” in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of the proviso for the words preceding the proviso of the following words:

“that not more than one-third of the member’s retirement interest in the vested component may be commuted for a single payment, and that the remainder, calculated together with the total value of the member’s **[share standing to the credit of]** retirement interest in the retirement component, must be paid in the form of an annuity (including a living annuity), a combination of annuities (including a combination of methods of paying the annuity) or a combination of types of annuities except where two-thirds of the **[total value of the]** member’s total retirement interest in the vested component plus the member’s total retirement interest in the retirement component does not exceed R165 000, or where the member is deceased or where the member elects to transfer the **[vested component]** full fund value or the full value of one or more contracts to **[a]** another retirement annuity fund.” ;

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where the member elects to transfer the **[vested component]** retirement interest to a retirement annuity fund.”;

(zB) by the substitution in the definition of “retirement annuity fund” for item (dd) of paragraph (b)(x) of the proviso of the following item:

“(dd) the payment of—

(A) an amount by way of a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule where that member—

(AA) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of applications for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of currency on or before 28 February 2022;

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- (BB) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021;
or
- (CC) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—
- (AAA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 5 2002); or
- (BBB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of **[the]** that Act by the Director-General, as defined in section 1 of that Act; or
- (B) an amount from the retirement component and vested component, deemed to be **[paid as]** an amount received or accrued by way of a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule, where **[a]** the member—
- (AA) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021;
- (BB) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—
- (AAA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002); or
- (BBB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of **[the]** that Act by the Director- General, as defined in that Act; or
- (CC) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the

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South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of applications for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of currency on or before 28 February 2022; [or

(C) an amount from the vested component, deemed to be paid as a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph

2(1)(b)(ii) of the Second Schedule, where a member—

(AA) is a person who is not a resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or longer on or after 1 March 2021;

(BB) departed from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of—

(AAA) working as contemplated in paragraph (i) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002); or

(BBB) a visit as contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘visa’ in section 1 of the Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), issued in terms of paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 11 of the Act by the Director-General, as defined in that Act; or

(CC) is a person who is or was a resident who emigrated from the Republic and that emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control in respect of applications for that recognition received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by the South African Reserve Bank or an authorised dealer in foreign exchange for the delivery of currency on or before 28 February 2022];”;

(zC) by the substitution in the definition of “retirement annuity fund” for the further proviso of the following further proviso:

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“: Provided further that the Commissioner may approve a fund in respect of any year of assessment, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the rules of the fund provide for the creation of **[the ‘savings component’, ‘retirement component’ and ‘vested component’ as defined in section 1]** a savings component, retirement component and vested component;”;

(zD) by the substitution for the definition of “retirement component” of the following definition:

“ **‘retirement component’** means a component established in terms of the rules of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund for a person who is a member of that fund[: **Provided that**], if the rules of the fund provide that—

- (a) two-thirds of the total retirement contributions to a pension fund, provident fund or retirement annuity fund by or on behalf of that member on or after 1 September 2024 **[is]** are allocated to this component: Provided that—
 - (i) in determining the value of the contributions to this component an amount of charges and risk premiums deductible against such contributions must not be taken into account;
 - (ii) in the case of funds with a defined benefit funding structure, the total value attributed to this component on or after 1 September 2024 is to be determined with reference to two-thirds of the member’s ‘pensionable service’ as contemplated in the rules of that fund on or after 1 September 2024; and
 - (iii) a fund with a defined benefit structure that is unable to allocate contributions as contemplated in paragraph (ii) may allocate contributions utilising a reasonable method of allocation as approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority;
- [(b) payments or transfers from a similar component to a pension preservation fund or provident preservation fund by or on behalf that member on or after 1 September 2024 is allocated to this component;]**
- (c) any amounts transferred from a **[similar]** retirement component of any other pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund,

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provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund on or after 1 September 2024 **[is]** are allocated to this component; and

- (d) the total value of the member's interest in the retirement component must be paid in the form of an annuity (including a living annuity), a combination of annuities (including a combination of methods of paying the annuity) or a combination of types of annuities except where the member's interest in the retirement component calculated together with two-thirds of the member's interest in the vested component does not exceed R165 000, where the **[employee]** member is deceased or where the **[employee]** member elects to transfer the retirement interest to a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or a retirement annuity fund:

Provided that this **[provision]** definition shall not apply to a **['legacy retirement annuity policy' as defined in section 1]** legacy retirement annuity policy **[(])**that has been **[exempted from this provision, subject to the conditions that may be required]** excluded from this definition in accordance with requirements set by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority**[(])**, a 'beneficiary fund', 'unclaimed benefit fund' and 'pensioner' as defined in section 1 of the Pension Funds Act, **[and]** or any person who is or was a member of a provident fund or provident preservation fund and who was 55 years of age or older on 1 March 2021, unless such person has elected to contribute to the retirement component:

Provided further that in determining the value of the member's interest in the retirement component==

- (i)** **[calculated together with two-thirds of the member's interest in the vested component]** an amount calculated as follows must **[not]** be taken into account:

[(i)] **(aa)** In the case of a person who is or was a member of a provident fund or provident preservation fund and who was 55 years of age or older on 1 March 2021 who has elected to contribute to the retirement component[,]==

[(aa)] **(A)** two-thirds of the **[members]** member's contribution to the vested component in a provident fund or transfers to the vested

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component in a provident preservation fund on or after 1 September 2024;

- (bb) with the addition of any other amount credited to the member's individual account or minimum individual reserve of the vested component in the provident fund or provident preservation fund on or after 1 September 2024; and
- (cc) any fund return, as defined in the Pension Funds Act, in relation to the contribution or transfers contemplated in item (aa) or amounts credited contemplated in item (bb);”;

(zE) by the substitution for the definition of “retirement interest” of the following definition:

“ **‘retirement interest’** means[—

- (a) in relation to any period prior to 1 March 2025,]** a member's share of the value of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund as determined in terms of the rules of the fund on the date on which he or she elects to retire or transfer to a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund;
- [or**
- (b) in relation to any period commencing on 1 September 2024, a member's share of the value of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund as determined in terms of the rules of the fund comprising the member's interest in the savings component, member's interest in the retirement component and member's interest in the vested component, on the date on which he or she elects to retire or transfer to a pension preservation fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(c) of the Second Schedule or transfer to a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(d) of the Second Schedule];”;**

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(zF) by the substitution for the definition of “savings component” of the following definition:

“ **‘savings component’** means a component established in terms of the rules of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund for a person who is a member of that fund: Provided that the rules of the fund provide that—

(a) a one-off amount of 10 per cent of the total value of each contract in the [vested component] fund as at 31 August 2024[, **as contemplated in paragraph (a) of the definition of ‘vested component’**], limited to R30 000, is allocated to this component on or after 1 September 2024:

Provided **[further]** that—

(i) the amount may be determined on or after 1 September 2024, and the allocation must be backdated to that date; and

(ii) in the case of any person who is or was a member of a provident fund or provident preservation fund and who is or was 54 years of age or younger on 1 March 2021, the one-off amount is to be calculated proportionally **[from] between** that member’s **[retirement interest] fund value** in that provident fund or provident preservation fund on 28 February 2021 **[and]**, including the increase in the value up to and including 31 August 2024 from that fund, and the value of contributions received on or after 1 March 2021, including any fund return on those contributions;

(b) one-third of the total retirement contributions to a pension fund, provident fund or retirement annuity fund by or on behalf of that member on or after 1 September 2024 is allocated to this component:

Provided that—

(i) in determining the value of the contributions to this component an amount of charges and risk premiums deductible against such contributions must not be taken into account;

(ii) in the case of funds with a defined benefit funding structure, the total value attributed to this component on or after 1 September 2024 is to be determined with reference to one-third of the member’s ‘pensionable service’ as contemplated in the rules of that fund on or after 1 September 2024; and

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- (iii) a fund with a defined benefit structure that is unable to allocate contributions as contemplated in subparagraph (ii) may allocate contributions utilising a reasonable method of allocation **[as]** approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority;
- (c) payments or transfers from a **[similar]** savings component to a pension preservation fund or provident preservation fund by or on behalf of that member on or after 1 September 2024 is allocated to this component;
- (d) any amounts transferred from a **[similar]** savings component of any other pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund on or after 1 September 2024 are allocated to this component if the member's total interest in that fund is transferred in terms of the rules of the fund;
- (e) the member may elect to allocate the value of the member's interest in this component into the member's retirement component in that fund;
- (f) the member's interest in this component or portion thereof may be paid in the form of a savings withdrawal benefit; **[and]**
- (g) **[on the death of the member or former member, or]** on retirement of the member— **[, the member's interest in this component may on election of the member or nominee be—**
 - (i) on the death of the member paid to a nominee or dependant of the deceased member [or former member; or**
 - (ii) on retirement,]**
 - (i) the member's interest in this component may on election of the member be paid to the retired member and is deemed to be a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Second Schedule **[and in the absence of a nominee or dependant, to the deceased's estate as a lump sum benefit contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Second Schedule];**
and
 - (ii) any portion of the member's interest in this component not paid as contemplated in subparagraph (i) must be added to the amount available to be paid in the form of an annuity, a combination of annuities or a combination of types of annuities as contemplated in paragraph (d) of the definition of 'retirement component':

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Provided further that this definition shall not apply to a **['legacy retirement annuity policy' as defined in section 1, that has been approved for exemption]** legacy retirement annuity policy that has been exempted from this provision, subject to the conditions that may be required by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, a 'beneficiary fund', 'unclaimed benefit fund' and 'pensioner' as defined in section 1 of the Pension Funds Act, and any person who is or was a member of a provident fund or provident preservation fund and who **[is or]** was 55 years of age or older on 1 March 2021, unless such person has elected to contribute to **[the 'savings component']** such component within 12 months of 1 September 2024, in which case a one-off amount of 10 per cent of the member's vested component on the last day of the month in which the election was made, limited to R30 000, must be allocated to this component;";

(zG) by the substitution for the definition of "vested component" of the following definition:

“ **'vested component'** means a component established in terms of the rules of a pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund for a person who is a member of that fund: Provided that the rules of the fund provide that—

- (a) the member's interest in this component, after taking into account the allocation of the amount contemplated in paragraph (a) of the definition of 'savings component', is subject to and must be paid in accordance with the rules of the fund that exist immediately prior to 1 September 2024;
- (b) no contributions may be made to this component on or after 1 September 2024, except in the case of a person who was a member of a provident fund and is still a member of the same provident fund and who was 55 years of age or older on 1 March 2021: Provided that where the above-mentioned member has not elected to make contributions to **[this]** the savings component and the retirement component on or after 1 September 2024, that member may not be allowed to make contributions to the savings component or the retirement component;

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- (c) the member may, in accordance with the rules of the fund that exist immediately prior to 1 September 2024, elect to transfer the value of this component into the member's vested component of another pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund on termination of membership of the fund;
- (d) the member may elect to transfer the value of this component into the member's retirement component of another pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund on termination of membership of the fund; and
- (e) the member may elect to transfer the value of this component into the member's retirement component of the same pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund of which he or she is a member;"

(2) Subsection (1) comes into operation on 1 September 2024 and applies in respect of years of assessment commencing on or after that date.

Amendment of paragraph 2 of Second Schedule to Act 58 of 1962, as substituted by section 57 of Act 17 of 2009 and amended by section 80 of Act 7 of 2010, section 92 of Act 22 of 2012, section 62 of Act 17 of 2017, section 48 of Act 34 of 2019 and section 3 of Revenue Laws Amendment Act, 2024

2. (1) Paragraph 2(1) of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1962, is hereby amended by the substitution for item (d) of the following item:

“(d) any amount—

[transferred for the benefit of that person within the same fund as contemplated in paragraph 6B(a)[, 6B(b) or 6B(f)];

(i) [and any amount] transferred on termination of membership in [that] a fund [or as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(iA)] to another fund for the benefit of that person as contemplated in paragraph 6B(c), [6B(d)] (d), or [6B(e)] (e); and

(ii) contemplated in item (b)(iA), transferred for the benefit of that person to another fund as contemplated in paragraph 6B(c), (d) or (e),

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less any deductions permitted under the provisions of paragraph 6B.”.

(2) Subsection (1) comes into operation on 1 September 2024 and applies in respect of years of assessment commencing on or after that date.

Amendment of paragraph 6B of Second Schedule to Act 58 of 1962, as inserted by section 4 of Revenue Laws Amendment Act, 2024

3. (1) The Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1962, is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph 6B of the following paragraph:

"6B. The deduction to be allowed from an amount contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(d) is equal to so much of that amount as is transferred for the benefit of a person from the—

(a) **[savings component into the member's retirement component in [that] the same fund;**

(b) vested component into the member's retirement component in [that] the same fund]

savings component in **[that] a** fund into the **[member's] savings component of a member** or former spouse of that **member [member's savings component]** or **the retirement component of a member [member's] or former spouse of that member [member's retirement component]** in another pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund;

[(d)] (b) vested component in that fund into the **vested component of that member [member's] or former spouse of that member [member's vested component]** or **the retirement component of that member [member's] or former spouse of that member [member's retirement component]** in another pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund; **and**

[(e)](c) retirement component into the **retirement component of that member [member's] or former spouse of that member [member's retirement component of]** **in** another pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund**[: and]:**

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[(f) vested component into the member's savings component in that same fund for purposes of the allocation as contemplated in paragraph (a) of the "savings component" definition:]

Provided that **[any transfers contemplated under]** item (c), (d) or (e) **[are]** only **[permissible]** applies to an amount transferred on termination of membership in the transferor fund or **[as]** an amount contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(b)(iA): **Provided further that any transfers contemplated under item (c), (d) or (e) are only permissible** , and if all the remaining components are transferred into the same transferee fund or a proportionate share of each component is transferred to the same fund where amounts are transferred to more than one fund.".

(2) Subsection (1) comes into operation on 1 September 2024 and applies in respect of years of assessment commencing on or after that date.

Amendment of paragraph 2 of Fourth Schedule to Act 58 of 1962, as inserted by section 19 of Act 6 of 1963 and amended by section 23 of Act 72 of 1963, section 29 of Act 55 of 1966, section 38 of Act 88 of 1971, section 48 of Act 85 of 1974, section 28 of Act 113 of 1977, section 40 of Act 90 of 1988, section 21 of Act 70 of 1989, section 45 of Act 101 of 1990, section 45 of Act 129 of 1991, section 38 of Act 21 of 1995, section 45 of Act 28 of 1997, section 53 of Act 30 of 2000, section 54 of Act 59 of 2000, section 20 of Act 19 of 2001, section 21 of Act 16 of 2004, section 50 of Act 31 of 2005, section 40 of Act 20 of 2006, section 55 of Act 8 of 2007, section 65 of Act 35 of 2007, section 18 of Act 18 of 2009, section 94 of Act 24 of 2011, section 19 of Act 21 of 2012, section 13 of Act 26 of 2013, section 8 of Act 39 of 2013, section 6 of Act 16 of 2016, section 51 of Act 34 of 2019 and section 6 of Revenue Laws Amendment Act, 2024

4. (1) Paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1962, is hereby amended by the addition after subparagraph (2B) of the following subparagraph:

"(2C) A pension fund, pension preservation fund, provident fund, provident preservation fund or retirement annuity fund that pays a 'savings withdrawal benefit' as defined in section 1 shall, when deducting or withholding employees' tax in respect of that savings withdrawal benefit,

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apply the **[fixed tax]** rate of tax that the Commissioner directs must be used in determining the amount of employees' tax to be withheld.”.

(2) Subsection (1) comes into operation on 1 September 2024 and applies in respect of years of assessment commencing on or after that date.

Amendment of paragraph 9 of Fourth Schedule to Act 58 of 1962, as amended by section 39 of Act 88 of 1971, section 32 of Act 103 of 1976, section 29 of Act 104 of 1980, section 46 of Act 101 of 1990, section 46 of Act 28 of 1997, section 55 of Act 59 of 2000, section 21 of Act 19 of 2001, section 41 of Act 20 of 2006, section 56 of Act 8 of 2007, sections 66 of Act 35 of 2007, section 68 of Act 60 of 2008, section 20 of Act 18 of 2009, section 95 of Act 24 of 2011, section 8 of Act 23 of 2015, section 7 of Act 16 of 2016 and section 7 of Revenue Laws Amendment Act, 2024

5. (1) Paragraph 9 of the Fourth Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1962, is hereby amended by the substitution in subparagraph (3) for item (a) of the following item:

“(a) The amount to be deducted or withheld in respect of employees' tax from any lump sum to which paragraph (d)[,] or (e) applies, or any amount to which paragraph (eD) of the definition of 'gross income' in section 1 or] section 7A applies, or any transfers as contemplated in paragraph 2(1)(d) of the Second Schedule, shall be ascertained by the employer from the Commissioner before paying out such lump sum **[or before such transfers are effected]**, and the Commissioner's determination of the amount to be so deducted or withheld shall be final.”.

(2) Subsection (1) comes into operation on 1 September 2024 and applies in respect of years of assessment commencing on or after that date.

Short title

6. This Act is called the Revenue Laws Second Amendment Act, 2024.