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Form 990		Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax			
	U	nder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue benefit trust or private foundation)	Code (excep	ot black lung	
Department of the Treasu Internal Revenue Service	ry •	The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy	state reportir	ng requirements.	
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The Internal Revenue Service says it wants tax-exempt organizations to know about recent tax law changes that might affect them. The Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act, passed on Dec. 20, 2019, includes several provisions that may apply to tax-exempt organizations' current and previous tax years.

Repeal of 'parking lot tax' on exempt employers This legislation retroactively repealed the increase in unrelated business taxable income by amounts paid or incurred for certain fringe benefits for which a deduction is not allowed, most notably qualified transportation fringes such as employer-provided parking.

Previously, Congress had enacted this provision as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,

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legislation repealed the 1% special rate that applied if the private foundation met certain distribution requirements.

The changes are effective for taxable years beginning after Dec. 20, 2019.

Exclusion of certain government grants by exempt utility co-ops Generally, a section 501(c)(12) organization must receive 85% or more of its income from members to maintain exemption.

Under changes enacted as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, government grants are usually considered income and would otherwise be treated as non-member income for telephone and electric cooperatives. Under prior law, government grants were generally not treated as income, but as contributions to capital.

The 2019 legislation provided that certain government grants made to tax-exempt 501(c) (12) telephone or electric cooperatives for purposes of disaster relief, or for utility facilities or services, are not considered when applying the 85%-member income test. Since these government grants are excluded from the income test, exempt telephone or electric co-ops may accept these grants without the grant impacting their tax-exemption.

This legislation is retroactive to taxable years beginning after 2017.

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