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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make marriage penalty relief effective immediately in the 15-percent bracket and the standard deduction.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 9, 2001

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. MILLER, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. ALLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make marriage penalty relief effective immediately in the 15-percent bracket and the standard deduction.

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. ELIMINATION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY IN 15-**
4 **PERCENT BRACKET.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(f) of the Internal Rev-
6 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

1 “(8) ELIMINATION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY IN
2 15-PERCENT BRACKET.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to tax-
4 able years after December 31, 2001, in pre-
5 scribing the tables under paragraph (1)—

6 “(i) the maximum taxable income in
7 the 15-percent rate bracket in the table
8 contained in subsection (a) (and the min-
9 imum taxable income in the next higher
10 taxable income bracket in such table) shall
11 be 200 percent of the maximum taxable in-
12 come in the 15-percent rate bracket in the
13 table contained in subsection (c) (after any
14 other adjustment under this subsection),
15 and

16 “(ii) the comparable taxable income
17 amounts in the table contained in sub-
18 section (d) shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amounts de-
19 termined under clause (i).

20 “(B) ROUNDING.—If any amount deter-
21 mined under subparagraph (A)(i) is not a mul-
22 tiple of \$50, such amount shall be rounded to
23 the next lowest multiple of \$50.”.

24 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) Subparagraph (A) of section 1(f)(2) of the
2 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
3 sserting “except as provided in paragraph (8),” be-
4 fore “by increasing”.

5 (2) The heading for subsection (f) of section 1
6 of such Code is amended by inserting “ELIMINATION
7 OF MARRIAGE PENALTY IN 15-PERCENT BRACKET;”
8 before “ADJUSTMENTS”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
11 December 31, 2001.

12 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY IN STAND-**
13 **ARD DEDUCTION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 63(c) of
15 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to standard
16 deduction) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “\$5,000” in subparagraph (A)
18 and inserting “200 percent of the dollar amount in
19 effect under subparagraph (C) for the taxable year”;

20 (2) by adding “or” at the end of subparagraph
21 (B);

22 (3) by striking “in the case of” and all that fol-
23 lows in subparagraph (C) and inserting “in any
24 other case.”; and

25 (4) by striking subparagraph (D).

1 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) Subparagraph (B) of section 1(f)(6) of the
3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
4 ing “(other than with” and all that follows through
5 “shall be applied” and inserting “(other than with
6 respect to sections 63(c)(4) and 151(d)(4)(A)) shall
7 be applied”.

8 (2) Paragraph (4) of section 63(c) of such Code
9 is amended by adding at the end the following flush
10 sentence:

11 “The preceding sentence shall not apply to the
12 amount referred to in paragraph (2)(A).”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
15 December 31, 2001.

16 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 301 and 302 of the Eco-
18 nomic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001
19 are hereby repealed.

20 (b) APPLICATION OF CODE.—The Internal Revenue
21 Code of 1986 shall be applied and administered as if the
22 provisions and amendments described in subsection (a)
23 had never been enacted.

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