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To provide a Federal income tax credit for Patriot employers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To provide a Federal income tax credit for Patriot employers, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Patriot Employers
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCED TAXES FOR PATRIOT EMPLOYERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
8 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
9 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new
10 section:

1 **“SEC. 450. REDUCTION IN TAX OF PATRIOT EMPLOYERS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any taxable year
3 with respect to which a taxpayer is certified by the Sec-
4 retary as a Patriot employer, the Patriot employer credit
5 determined under this section for purposes of section 38
6 shall be equal to 1 percent of the taxable income of the
7 taxpayer which is properly allocable to all trades or busi-
8 nesses with respect to which the taxpayer is certified as
9 a Patriot employer for the taxable year.

10 “(b) PATRIOT EMPLOYER.—For purposes of sub-
11 section (a), the term ‘Patriot employer’ means, with re-
12 spect to any taxable year, any taxpayer which—

13 “(1) maintains its headquarters in the United
14 States if the taxpayer has ever been headquartered
15 in the United States,

16 “(2) pays at least 60 percent of each employee’s
17 health care premiums,

18 “(3) has in effect, and operates in accordance
19 with, a policy requiring neutrality in employee orga-
20 nizing drives,

21 “(4) if such taxpayer employs at least 50 em-
22 ployees on average during the taxable year—

23 “(A) maintains or increases the number of
24 full-time workers in the United States relative
25 to the number of full-time workers outside of
26 the United States,

1 “(B) compensates each employee of the
2 taxpayer at an hourly rate (or equivalent there-
3 of) not less than an amount equal to the Fed-
4 eral poverty level for a family of three for the
5 calendar year in which the taxable year begins
6 divided by 2,080,

7 “(C) provides either—

8 “(i) a defined contribution plan which
9 for any plan year—

10 “(I) requires the employer to
11 make nonelective contributions of at
12 least 5 percent of compensation for
13 each employee who is not a highly
14 compensated employee, or

15 “(II) requires the employer to
16 make matching contributions of 100
17 percent of the elective contributions of
18 each employee who is not a highly
19 compensated employee to the extent
20 such contributions do not exceed the
21 percentage specified by the plan (not
22 less than 5 percent) of the employee’s
23 compensation, or

24 “(ii) a defined benefit plan which for
25 any plan year requires the employer to

1 make contributions on behalf of each em-
2 ployee who is not a highly compensated
3 employee in an amount which will provide
4 an accrued benefit under the plan for the
5 plan year which is not less than 5 percent
6 of the employee's compensation, and

7 “(D) provides full differential salary and
8 insurance benefits for all National Guard and
9 Reserve employees who are called for active
10 duty, and

11 “(5) if such taxpayer employs less than 50 em-
12 ployees on average during the taxable year, either—

13 “(A) compensates each employee of the
14 taxpayer at an hourly rate (or equivalent there-
15 of) not less than an amount equal to the Fed-
16 eral poverty level for a family of 3 for the cal-
17 endar year in which the taxable year begins di-
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16 employee in an amount which will provide
17 an accrued benefit under the plan for the
18 plan year which is not less than 5 percent
19 of the employee’s compensation.”.

20 (b) ALLOWANCE AS GENERAL BUSINESS CREDIT.—
21 Section 38(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
22 amended by striking “plus” at the end of paragraph (30),
23 by striking the period at the end of paragraph (31) and
24 inserting “, plus”, and by adding at the end the following:

1 “(32) the Patriot employer credit determined
2 under section 450.”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
5 December 31, 2007.

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