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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the adjusted gross income threshold applicable in determining the deduction for medical care and to increase the mileage deduction for transportation for medical care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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 “Middle Class Medical
5 Tax Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS OF DEDUCTION FOR MEDICAL**
 2 **CARE.**

3 (a) REDUCTION OF ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME
 4 THRESHOLD FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS.—Subsection (a)
 5 of section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (re-
 6 lating to deduction for medical, dental, etc., expenses) is
 7 amended to read as follows:

8 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be allowed as a
 10 deduction the expenses paid during the taxable year,
 11 not compensated for by insurance or otherwise, for
 12 medical care of the taxpayer, his spouse, or a de-
 13 pendent (as defined in section 152), to the extent
 14 that such expenses exceed the applicable percentage
 15 of adjusted gross income.

16 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes
 17 of paragraph (1), the term ‘applicable percentage’
 18 means 5 percent increased (but not above 7.5 per-
 19 cent) by 0.01 percentage point for each full \$1,000
 20 of the amount by which the adjusted gross income
 21 of the taxpayer exceeds—

22 “(A) except as provided in subparagraphs
 23 (B) and (C), \$60,000,

24 “(B) \$75,000 in the case of a joint return,
 25 and

1 “(C) \$37,500 in the case of a married in-
2 dividual (determined in accordance with section
3 7703) filing a separate return.”

4 (b) INCREASE IN MILEAGE RATE FOR MEDICAL
5 TRANSPORTATION.—Section 213 of such Code is amended
6 by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f) and by
7 inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection;
8 “(e) STANDARD MILEAGE RATE FOR USE OF PAS-
9 SENGER AUTOMOBILE.—For purposes of computing the
10 deduction under this section for use of a passenger auto-
11 mobile, the standard mileage rate shall be the rate in ef-
12 fect under section 170(i) (relating to charitable use of pas-
13 senger automobile).”

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
16 December 31, 1998.

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