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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote expanded retirement savings.

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Mr. Neal of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Coyne, Mr. Matsul, Mr. Levin, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Gejdenson, Mr. Pomeroy, and Ms. Stabenow) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote expanded retirement savings.

- 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; AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Employee Pension Portability and Accountability Act of
- 6 1998".
- 7 (b) Amendment of 1986 Code.—Except as other-
- 8 wise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amend-

- 1 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
- 2 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference
- 3 shall be considered to be made to a section or other provi-
- 4 sion of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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- Sec. 1. Short title; amendment of 1986 Code.
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- Sec. 8. Definition of highly compensated employees.
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- Sec. 10. Full funding limitation for multiemployer plans.
- Sec. 11. Elimination of partial termination rules for multiemployer plans.

6 SEC. 2. PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR RETIREMENT SAVINGS.

- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 219 (relating to retire-
- 8 ment savings) is amended by redesignating subsection (h)
- 9 as subsection (i) and by inserting after subsection (g) the
- 10 following new subsection:
- 11 "(h) Exclusion in Lieu of Deduction for
- 12 Amounts Deducted and Withheld From Wages.—
- 13 "(1) IN GENERAL.—If—
- 14 "(A) an employee submits a written re-
- 15 quest to such employee's employer to deduct
- and withhold amounts from the wages paid by
- such employer to such employee which are to be
- deposited by the employer into an individual re-
- tirement plan maintained for the benefit of such

1	employee which is designated by such employee,
2	and
3	"(B) the aggregate amount to be deducted
4	and withheld during a calendar year pursuant
5	to such request does not exceed the lesser of—
6	"(i) \$2,000, or
7	"(ii) the amount that the employee
8	certifies to the employer in such request as
9	being the amount which would (but for
10	paragraph (3)) be allowed as deduction to
11	such employee for contributions to such ac-
12	count for such employee's last taxable year
13	beginning in such calendar year,
14	the gross income of such employee shall not include
15	the amount so deducted and withheld on wages paid
16	during such calendar year which is paid (not later
17	than the time prescribed by the Secretary) into such
18	individual retirement plan.
19	"(2) Maximum exclusion.—The amount ex-
20	cluded from gross income under paragraph (1) for
21	any taxable year shall not exceed the limitation ap-
22	plicable under subsection (b)(1)(A) to such employee
23	for such year.

- 1 "(3) Denial of Deduction.—No deduction
- 2 shall be allowed under this section for amounts ex-
- 3 cluded from gross income under paragraph (1)."
- 4 (b) Exemption from Withholding.—Subsection
- 5 (a) of section 3401 (defining wages) is amended by strik-
- 6 ing "or" at the end of paragraph (20), by striking the
- 7 period at the end of paragraph (21) and inserting "; or",
- 8 and by inserting after paragraph (21) the following new
- 9 paragraph:
- "(22) for any payment made for the benefit of
- 11 the employee to an individual retirement plan if the
- amount of such payment was deducted and withheld
- under section 219(h)."
- 14 (c) Exclusion Shown on W-2.—Subsection (a) of
- 15 section 6051 (relating to receipts for employees) is amend-
- 16 ed by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (10), by
- 17 striking the period at the end of paragraph (11) and in-
- 18 serting ", and", and by inserting after paragraph (11) the
- 19 following new paragraph:
- 20 "(12) the total amount deducted and withheld
- 21 pursuant to section 219(h)."
- (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 23 this section shall apply to remuneration paid after Decem-
- 24 ber 31, 1998.

1	SEC. 3. CREDIT FOR PENSION PLAN STARTUP COSTS OF
2	SMALL EMPLOYERS.
3	(a) In General.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
4	chapter A of chapter 1 (relating to business related cred-
5	its) is amended by adding at the end the following new
6	section:
7	"SEC. 45D. SMALL EMPLOYER PENSION PLAN STARTUP
8	COSTS.
9	"(a) General Rule.—For purposes of section 38,
10	in the case of an eligible employer, the small employer pen-
11	sion plan startup cost credit determined under this section
12	for any taxable year is an amount equal to 50 percent
13	of the qualified startup costs paid or incurred by the tax-
14	payer during the taxable year.
15	"(b) Dollar Limitation.—The amount of the cred-
16	it determined under this section for any taxable year shall
17	not exceed—
18	(1) \$1,000 for the first taxable year ending
19	after the date the employer established the qualified
20	employer plan to which such costs relate,
21	"(2) \$500 for each of the second and third tax-
22	able years ending after such date, and
23	"(3) zero for each taxable year thereafter.
24	"(c) Eligible Employer.—For purposes of this
25	section—

1	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'eligible em-
2	ployer' has the meaning given such term by section
3	408(p)(2)(C)(i).
4	"(2) Employers maintaining qualifier
5	PLANS DURING 1997 NOT ELIGIBLE.—Such term
6	shall not include an employer if such employer (or
7	any predecessor employer) maintained a qualified
8	plan (as defined in section 408(p)(2)(D)(ii)) with re-
9	spect to which contributions were made, or benefits
10	were accrued, for service in 1997. If only individuals
11	other than employees described in subparagraph (A)
12	or (B) of section 410(b)(3) are eligible to participate
13	in the qualified employer plan referred to in sub-
14	section $(d)(1)$, then the preceding sentence shall be
15	applied without regard to any qualified plan in
16	which only employees so described are eligible to
17	participate.
18	"(d) Other Definitions.—For purposes of this
19	section—
20	"(1) Qualified startup costs.—
21	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified
22	startup costs' means any ordinary and nec-
23	essary expenses of an eligible employer which—
24	"(i) are paid or incurred in connection
25	with the establishment of a qualified em-

1	ployer plan in which at least 2 individuals
2	are eligible to participate, and
3	"(ii) are of a nonrecurring nature.
4	"(B) Plan must be established be-
5	FORE JANUARY 1, 2001.—Such term shall not
6	include any expense in connection with a plan
7	established after December 31, 2000.
8	"(2) QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PLAN.—The term
9	'qualified employer plan' has the meaning given to
10	such term by section 4972(d).
11	"(e) Special Rules.—For purposes of this sec-
12	tion—
13	"(1) AGGREGATION RULES.—All persons treat-
14	ed as a single employer under subsection (a) or (b)
15	of section 52, or subsection (n) or (o) of section 414,
16	shall be treated as one person.
17	"(2) Disallowance of Deduction.—No de-
18	duction shall be allowable under this chapter for any
19	qualified startup costs for which a credit is deter-
20	mined under subsection (a).
21	"(3) ELECTION NOT TO CLAIM CREDIT.—This
22	section shall not apply to a taxpayer for any taxable
23	
	year if such taxpayer elects to have this section not

- (b) Credit Allowed as Part of General Busi-1 NESS CREDIT.—Section 38(b) (defining current year business credit) is amended by striking "plus" at the end of 3 4 paragraph (11), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (12) and inserting ", plus", and by adding at the 6 end the following new paragraph: 7 "(13) in the case of an eligible employer (as de-8 fined in section 45D(c)), the small employer pension 9 plan startup cost credit determined under section 10 45D(a).". 11 (c) Conforming Amendments.— 12 (1) Section 39(d) is amended by adding at the 13 end the following new paragraph: 14 "(8) No carryback of small employer 15 PENSION PLAN STARTUP COST CREDIT BEFORE EF-16 FECTIVE DATE.—No portion of the unused business 17 credit for any taxable year which is attributable to 18 the small employer pension plan startup cost credit 19 determined under section 45D may be carried back 20 to a taxable year ending on or before the date of the 21 enactment of section 45D.". 22 (2) The table of sections for subpart D of part 23 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by add-24 ing at the end the following new item:
 - "Sec. 45D. Small employer pension plan startup costs.".

1	(d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply to costs paid or incurred in taxable
3	years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.
4	SEC. 4. SECURE MONEY ANNUITY OR RETIREMENT (SMART)
5	TRUSTS.
6	(a) In General.—Subpart A of part I of subchapter
7	D of chapter 1 is amended by inserting after section 408A
8	the following new section:
9	"SEC. 408B. SMART PLANS.
10	"(a) Employer Eligibility.—
11	"(1) IN GENERAL.—An employer may establish
12	and maintain a SMART annuity or a SMART trust
13	for any year only if—
14	"(A) the employer is an eligible employer
15	(as defined in section $408(p)(2)(C)$), and
16	"(B) the employer does not maintain (and
17	no predecessor of the employer maintains) a
18	qualified plan (other than a permissible plan)
19	with respect to which contributions were made,
20	or benefits were accrued, for service in any year
21	in the period beginning with the year such an-
22	nuity or trust became effective and ending with
23	the year for which the determination is being
24	$\mathrm{made}.$

1	The period described in subparagraph (B) shall in-
2	clude the period of 5 years before the year such
3	trust or annuity became effective with respect to
4	qualified plans which are defined benefit plans or
5	money purchase pension plans.
6	"(2) Definitions.—For purposes of paragraph
7	(1)—
8	"(A) QUALIFIED PLAN.—The term 'quali-
9	fied plan' has the meaning given such term by
10	section $408(p)(2)(D)(ii)$.
11	"(B) Permissible plan.—The term 'per-
12	missible plan' means a plan under which there
13	may be made only—
14	"(i) elective deferrals described in sec-
15	tion $402(g)(3)$, and
16	"(ii) employer matching contributions
17	not in excess of the amounts permitted
18	under subclauses (I) and (II) of section
19	401(k)(12)(B)(i).
20	"(b) SMART ANNUITY.—
21	"(1) In general.—For purposes of this title,
22	the term 'SMART annuity' means an individual re-
23	tirement annuity (as defined in section 408(b) with-
24	out regard to paragraph (2) thereof and without re-
25	gard to the limitation on aggregate annual pre-

1	miums contained in the flush language of section
2	408(b)) if—
3	"(A) such annuity meets the requirements
4	of paragraphs (2) through (7), and
5	"(B) the only contributions to such annu-
6	ity are employer contributions.
7	Nothing in this section shall be construed as pre-
8	venting an employer from using a group annuity
9	contract which is divisible into individual retirement
10	annuities for purposes of providing SMART annu-
11	ities.
12	"(2) Participation requirements.—
13	"(A) In general.—The requirements of
14	this paragraph are met for any year only if all
15	employees of the employer who—
16	"(i) received at least \$5,000 in com-
17	pensation from the employer during any 2
18	consecutive preceding years, and
19	"(ii) received at least \$5,000 in com-
20	pensation during the year,
21	are entitled to the benefit described in para-
22	graph (5) for such year.
23	"(B) Excludable employees.—An em-
24	ployer may elect to exclude from the require-

1	ments under subparagraph (A) employees de-
2	scribed in section 410(b)(3).
3	"(3) Vesting.—
4	"(A) In general.—The requirements of
5	this paragraph are met if the employee's rights
6	to any benefits are nonforfeitable.
7	"(B) Restrictions on Certain Manda-
8	TORY DISTRIBUTIONS.—If the present value
9	(determined in accordance with paragraph (6))
10	of an employee's account balance exceeds the
11	dollar limit in effect under section
12	411(a)(11)(A), the requirements of this para-
13	graph are met only if the plan provides that
14	such benefit may not be immediately distributed
15	without the consent of the employee.
16	"(4) Benefit form.—The requirements of
17	this paragraph are met if the only form of benefit
18	is—
19	"(A) a benefit payable annually in the
20	form of a single life annuity with monthly pay-
21	ments (with no ancillary benefits) beginning at
22	age 65, or
23	"(B) any other form of benefit which is the
24	actuarial equivalent (based on the assumptions

1	specified in the SMART annuity) of the benefit
2	described in subparagraph (A).
3	"(5) Amount of annual accrued bene-
4	FIT.—
5	"(A) In general.—The requirements of
6	this paragraph are met for any plan year if the
7	accrued benefit of each participant derived from
8	employer contributions for such year, when ex-
9	pressed as a benefit described in paragraph
10	(4)(A), equals the applicable percentage of the
11	participant's compensation for such year.
12	"(B) Applicable percentage.—For
13	purposes of this paragraph—
14	"(i) IN GENERAL.—The term 'applica-
15	ble percentage' means 1 percent.
16	"(ii) Election of higher percent-
17	AGE.—An employer may elect to apply an
18	applicable percentage of 2 percent for any
19	year for all employees eligible to partici-
20	pate in the plan for such year, if the em-
21	ployer notifies the employees of such per-
22	centage within a reasonable period before
23	the beginning of such year. An employer
24	may also elect to apply an applicable per-
25	centage of 3 percent for any of the first 5

1 years that the plan is effective for all em-2 ployees eligible to participate in the plan 3 for such year, if the employer so notifies the employees. "(C) Compensation Limit.— 6 "(i) In General.—The compensation taken into account under this paragraph 7 8 for any year shall not exceed \$100,000. 9 "(ii) Cost-of-living adjustment.— 10 The Secretary shall adjust annually the 11 \$100,000 amount in clause (i) for in-12 creases in the cost-of-living at the same 13 time and in the same manner as adjust-14 ments under section 415(d); except that 15 the base period shall be the calendar quar-16 ter beginning October 1, 1998, and any in-17 crease which is not a multiple of \$10,000 18 shall be rounded to the next lowest mul-19 tiple of \$10,000. 20 "(6) Funding.— "(A) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of 21 22 this paragraph are met only if the employer is 23 required to contribute to the annuity for each 24 plan year the amount necessary (determined in

accordance with subparagraph (B)) to fund the

1	accrued benefit for each participant entitled to
2	such benefit for such year.
3	"(B) ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS.—In deter-
4	mining the amount required to be contributed
5	under subparagraph (A)—
6	"(i) the assumed interest rate shall be
7	5 percent per year,
8	"(ii) the assumed mortality shall be
9	determined under the applicable mortality
10	table (as defined in section 417(e)(3), as
11	modified by the Secretary so that it does
12	not include any assumption for preretire-
13	ment mortality),
14	"(iii) the assumed retirement age
15	shall be 65, and
16	"(iv) an assumption for reasonable ex-
17	penses shall be permitted consistent with
18	State law.
19	"(C) Time when contributions
20	DEEMED MADE.—For purposes of this para-
21	graph, any contribution made for a plan year
22	during the 8½-month period beginning on the
23	day after the last day of such plan year shall
24	be deemed to have been made on such last day.

1 "(D) Penalty for failure to make re-2 QUIRED CONTRIBUTION.—The taxes imposed by section 4971 shall apply to a failure to make 3 4 the contribution required by this paragraph in 5 the same manner as if the amount of the failure 6 were an accumulated funding deficiency to 7 which such section applies. "(7) Limitation on distributions.— 8 "(A) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of 9 10 this paragraph are met only if distributions 11 may be paid only when the employee attains 12 age 65, separates from service, dies, or becomes 13 disabled (within the meaning ofsection 14 72(m)(7). 15 "(B) Limitation on distributions on 16 SEPARATION FROM SERVICE OF EMPLOYEES 17 WHO HAVE NOT ATTAINED AGE 65.—Subpara-18 graph (A) shall apply to a distribution on sepa-19 ration of service of an employee who has not at-20 tained age 65 only if— "(i) the present value (determined in 21 22 accordance with paragraph (6)) of an em-23 ployee's account balance does not exceed 24 the dollar limit in effect under section 25 411(a)(11)(A), or

1	"(ii) the distribution is a direct trust-
2	ee-to-trustee transfer of the entire balance
3	to the credit of the employee to a SMART
4	account or a SMART annuity for the bene-
5	fit of such employee.
6	"(C) SMART ACCOUNT.—For purposes of
7	this paragraph, the term 'SMART account'
8	means an individual retirement account for the
9	benefit of the employee if such employee elects
10	to have the limitations of this paragraph apply
11	to such account.
12	"(8) Definitions and special rule.—
13	"(A) Definitions.—The definitions in
14	section 408(p)(6) shall apply for purposes of
15	this subsection.
16	"(B) Use of designated financial in-
17	STITUTIONS.—A rule similar to the rule of sec-
18	tion 408(p)(7) (without regard to the last sen-
19	tence thereof) shall apply for purposes of this
20	subsection.
21	"(c) SMART Trust.—
22	"(1) In general.—For purposes of this title,
23	the term 'SMART trust' means a trust forming part
24	of a defined benefit plan if—

1	"(A) such trust meets the requirements of
2	section 401(a) as modified by subsection (d),
3	"(B) a participant's benefits under the
4	plan are based solely on the balance of a sepa-
5	rate account in such plan of such participant,
6	"(C) such plan meets the requirements of
7	paragraphs (2) through (8), and
8	"(D) the only contributions to such trust
9	are employer contributions.
10	"(2) Participation requirements.—A plan
11	meets the requirements of this paragraph for any
12	year only if the requirements of subsection (b)(2)
13	are met for such year.
14	"(3) Vesting.—A plan meets the requirements
15	of this paragraph for any year only if the require-
16	ments of subsection (b)(3) are met for such year.
17	"(4) Benefit form.—
18	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
19	subparagraph (B), a plan meets the require-
20	ments of this paragraph only if the require-
21	ments of subsection (b)(4) are met. For pur-
22	poses of this subparagraph, a plan may satisfy
23	the requirements of subsection (b)(4) by pur-
24	chasing an annuity contract which meets the re-
25	quirements of subsection (b)(4).

1	"(B) Direct transfers to individual
2	RETIREMENT PLAN OR SMART ANNUITY.—A
3	plan shall not fail to meet the requirements of
4	this paragraph by reason of permitting, at the
5	election of the employee, a trustee-to-trustee
6	transfer of the entire balance to the credit of
7	the employee to an individual retirement ac-
8	count described in section 408(a), an individual
9	retirement annuity described in section 408(b)
10	(other than an endowment contract), or a
11	SMART annuity.
12	"(5) Amount of annual accrued bene-
13	FIT.—A plan meets the requirements of this para-
14	graph for any year only if the requirements of sub-
15	section (b)(5) are met for such year.
16	"(6) Funding.—
17	"(A) IN GENERAL.—A plan meets the re-
18	quirements of this paragraph for any year only
19	if—
20	"(i) the requirements of subsection
21	(b)(6) are met for such year,
22	"(ii) in the case of a plan which has
23	an unfunded annuity amount with respect
24	to the account of any participant, the plan
25	requires that the employer make an addi-

1	tional contribution to such plan (at the
2	time the annuity contract to which such
3	amount relates is purchased) equal to the
4	unfunded annuity amount, and
5	"(iii) in the case of a plan which has
6	an unfunded prior year liability as of the
7	close of such plan year, the plan requires
8	that the employer make an additional con-
9	tribution to such plan for such year equal
10	to the amount of such unfunded prior year
11	liability.
12	"(B) Unfunded annuity amount.—For
13	purposes of this paragraph, the term 'unfunded
14	annuity amount' means, with respect to the ac-
15	count of any participant, the excess (if any)
16	of—
17	"(i) the amount necessary to purchase
18	an annuity contract which meets the re-
19	quirements of subsection (b)(4), over
20	"(ii) the balance in such account at
21	the time such contract is purchased.
22	"(C) Unfunded prior year liabil-
23	ITY.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term
24	'unfunded prior year liability' means, with re-
25	spect to any plan year, the excess (if any) of—

1	"(i) the aggregate of the accrued li-
2	abilities under the plan as of the close of
3	the prior plan year, over
4	"(ii) the value of the plan's assets de-
5	termined under section 412(c)(2) as of the
6	close of the plan year (determined without
7	regard to any contributions for such plan
8	year).
9	Such accrued liabilities shall be determined
10	using the assumptions specified in subsection
11	(b)(6)(B).
12	"(D) Changes in mortality table.—If
13	the applicable mortality table under section
14	417(e)(3) for any plan year is not the same as
15	such table for the prior plan year, the Secretary
16	shall prescribe regulations which phase in the
17	effect of the changes over a reasonable period
18	of plan years determined by the Secretary.
19	"(E) DISREGARD ASSUMPTIONS FOR EX-
20	PENSES.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
21	assumption specified in subsection (b)(6)(B)(iv)
22	shall be disregarded.
23	"(7) Separate accounts for partici-
24	PANTS.—A plan meets the requirements of this
25	paragraph for any year only if the plan provides—

1	"(A) for an individual account for each
2	participant, and
3	"(B) for benefits based solely on—
4	"(i) the amount contributed to the
5	participant's account, and
6	"(ii) any income, expenses, gains and
7	losses, and any forfeitures of accounts of
8	other participants which may be allocated
9	to such participant's account.
10	"(8) Trust may not hold securities which
11	ARE NOT READILY TRADABLE.—A plan meets the
12	requirements of this paragraph only if the plan pro-
13	hibits the trust from holding directly or indirectly se-
14	curities which are not readily tradable on an estab-
15	lished securities market or otherwise. Nothing in
16	this paragraph shall prohibit the trust from holding
17	insurance company products regulated by State law.
18	"(9) Definitions and special rule.—The
19	definitions and special rule applicable under sub-
20	section (b)(8) shall apply for purposes of this sub-
21	section.
22	"(d) Special Rules for SMART Annuities and
23	Trusts.—
24	"(1) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TREATED AS
25	MET.—For purposes of section 401(a), a SMART

1	annuity and a SMART trust shall be treated as
2	meeting the requirements of the following provisions:
3	"(A) Section 401(a)(4) (relating to non-
4	discrimination rules).
5	"(B) Section 401(a)(26) (relating to mini-
6	mum participation).
7	"(C) Section 410 (relating to minimum
8	participation and coverage requirements).
9	"(D) Section 411(b) (relating to accrued
10	benefit requirements).
11	"(E) Paragraphs (6) and (7) of section
12	412(c) (relating to full funding limitation).
13	"(F) Section 415 (relating to limitations
14	on benefits and contributions under qualified
15	plans).
16	"(G) Section 416 (relating to special rules
17	for top-heavy plans).
18	"(2) Contributions not taken into ac-
19	COUNT IN APPLYING LIMITS TO OTHER PLANS.—
20	Contributions to a SMART annuity or a SMART
21	trust shall not be taken into account in applying sec-
22	tions 404 and 415 to other plans maintained by the
23	employer."
24	(b) Deduction Limits Not To Apply to Em-
25	PLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS.—

1	(1) In general.—Section 404 (relating to de-
2	ductions for contributions of an employer to pension,
3	etc., plans) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4	lowing new subsection:
5	"(n) Special Rules for SMART Annuities and
6	Trusts.—
7	"(1) In general.—Employer contributions to
8	a SMART annuity or a SMART trust shall be treat-
9	ed as if they are made to a plan subject to the re-
10	quirements of this section.
11	"(2) Timing.—
12	"(A) DEDUCTION.—Contributions de-
13	scribed in paragraph (1) shall be deductible in
14	the taxable year of the employer with or within
15	which the calendar year for which the contribu-
16	tions were made ends.
17	"(B) Contributions after end of
18	YEAR.—For purposes of this subsection, con-
19	tributions shall be treated as made for a taxable
20	year if they are made on account of the taxable
21	year and are made not later than the time pre-
22	scribed by law for filing the return for the tax-
23	able year (including extensions thereof)."
24	(2) Coordination with deduction under
25	SECTION 219 —

1	(A) Section 219(b) (relating to maximum
2	amount of deduction) is amended by adding at
3	the end the following new paragraph:
4	"(5) Special rule for smart annuities.—
5	This section shall not apply with respect to any
6	amount contributed to a SMART annuity estab-
7	lished under section 408B(b)."
8	(B) Section 219(g)(5)(A) (defining active
9	participant) is amended by striking "or" at the
10	end of clause (v) and by adding at the end the
11	following new clause:
12	"(vii) any SMART annuity (within
13	the meaning of section 408B), or".
14	(c) Contributions and Distributions.—
15	(1) Section 402 (relating to taxability of bene-
16	ficiary of employees' trust) is amended by adding at
17	the end the following new subsection:
18	"(l) Treatment of SMART Annuities.—Rules
19	similar to the rules of paragraphs (1) and (3) of sub-
20	section (h) shall apply to contributions and distributions
21	with respect to SMART annuities under section 408B."
22	(2) Section 408(d)(3) is amended by adding at
23	the end the following new subparagraph:
24	"(H) SMART annuities.—This para-
25	graph shall not apply to any amount paid or

1	distributed out of a SMART annuity (as de-
2	fined in section 408B) unless it is paid in a
3	trustee-to-trustee transfer into another SMART
4	annuity."
5	(d) Increased Penalty on Early Withdraw-
6	ALS.—Section 72(t) (relating to additional tax on early
7	distributions) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
8	ing new paragraph:
9	"(9) Special rules for smart annuities
10	AND TRUSTS.—In the case of—
11	"(A) any amount received from a SMART
12	annuity or a SMART trust (within the meaning
13	of section 408B), and
14	"(B) any individual retirement plan if any
15	amount was received by such plan from a such
16	an annuity or trust,
17	paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting '20
18	percent' for '10 percent' and paragraph (2) shall be
19	applied by substituting 'age 65' for 'age 59½'."
20	(e) Simplified Employer Reports.—
21	(1) SMART annuities.—Section 408(l) (relat-
22	ing to simplified employer reports) is amended by
23	adding at the end the following new paragraph:
24	"(3) SMART ANNUITIES.—

1	"(A) SIMPLIFIED REPORT.—The employer
2	maintaining any SMART annuity (within the
3	meaning of section 408B) shall file a simplified
4	annual return with the Secretary containing
5	only the information described in subparagraph
6	(B).
7	"(B) Contents.—The return required by
8	subparagraph (A) shall set forth—
9	"(i) the name and address of the em-
10	ployer,
11	"(ii) the date the plan was adopted,
12	"(iii) the number of employees of the
13	employer,
14	"(iv) the number of such employees
15	who are eligible to participate in the plan,
16	"(v) the total amount contributed by
17	the employer to each such annuity for such
18	year and the minimum amount required
19	under section 408B to be so contributed,
20	"(vi) the percentage elected under sec-
21	tion $408B(b)(5)(B)$, and
22	"(vii) the number of employees with
23	respect to whom contributions are required
24	to be made for such year under section
25	408B(b)(5)(D).

1	"(C) Reporting by issuer of smart an-
2	NUITY.—
3	"(i) In general.—The issuer of each
4	SMART annuity shall provide to the owner
5	of the annuity for each year a statement
6	setting forth as of the close of such year—
7	"(I) the benefits guaranteed at
8	age 65 under the annuity, and
9	"(II) the cash surrender value of
10	the annuity.
11	"(ii) Summary description.—The
12	issuer of any SMART annuity shall pro-
13	vide to the employer maintaining the annu-
14	ity for each year a description containing
15	the following information:
16	"(I) The name and address of
17	the employer and the issuer.
18	"(II) The requirements for eligi-
19	bility for participation.
20	"(III) The benefits provided with
21	respect to the annuity.
22	"(IV) The procedures for, and ef-
23	fects of, withdrawals (including roll-
24	overs) from the annuity.

1	"(D) Time and manner of report-
2	ING.—Any return, report, or statement required
3	under this paragraph shall be made in such
4	form and at such time as the Secretary shall
5	prescribe."
6	(2) SMART TRUSTS.—Section 6059 (relating
7	to actuarial reports) is amended by redesignating
8	subsections (e) and (d) as subsections (d) and (e),
9	respectively, and by inserting after subsection (b)
10	the following new subsection:
11	"(c) SMART TRUSTS.—In the case of a SMART
12	Trust (within the meaning of section 408B), the Secretary
13	shall require a simplified actuarial report which contains
14	information similar to the information required in section
15	408(l)(3)(B)."
16	(f) Conforming Amendments.—
17	(1) Subparagraph (A) of section 219(b)(5) is
18	amended by striking "or" at the end of clause (v)
19	and by inserting after clause (vi) the following new
20	clause:
21	"(vii) any SMART trust or SMART
22	annuity (within the meaning of section
23	408B), or".
24	(2) Section 280G(b)(6) is amended by striking
25	"or" at the end of subparagraph (C), by striking the

1 period at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting 2 ", or" and by adding after subparagraph (D) the 3 following new subparagraph: "(E) a SMART annuity described in sec-4 5 tion 408B." 6 (3)Subsections (b), (c), (m)(4)(B), and (n)(3)(B) of section 414 are each amended by in-7 serting "408B," after "408(p),". 8 9 (4) Section 4972(d)(1)(A) is amended by strik-10 ing "and" at the end of clause (iii), by striking the 11 period at the end of clause (iv) and inserting ", 12 and", and by adding after clause (iv) the following 13 new clause: 14 "(v) any SMART annuity (within the 15 meaning of section 408B)." 16 (g) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER ERISA.— 17 Section 101 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1021) is amended by redesignat-18 19 ing subsection (h) as subsection (i) and by inserting after 20 subsection (g) the following new subsection: "(h) SMART ANNUITIES.— 21 22 "(1) No employer reports.—Except as pro-23 vided in this subsection, no report shall be required 24 under this section by an employer maintaining a

1	SMART annuity under section 408B(b) of the Inter-
2	nal Revenue Code of 1986.
3	"(2) Summary description.—The issuer of
4	any SMART annuity shall provide to the employer
5	maintaining the annuity for each year a description
6	containing the following information:
7	"(A) The name and address of the em-
8	ployer and the issuer.
9	"(B) The requirements for eligibility for
10	participation.
11	"(C) The benefits provided with respect to
12	the annuity.
13	"(D) The procedures for, and effects of,
14	withdrawals (including rollovers) from the an-
15	nuity."
16	"(3) Employee notification.—The employer
17	shall provide each employee eligible to participate in
18	the SMART annuity with the description described
19	in paragraph (2) at the same time as the notifica-
20	tion required under section 408B(b)(5)(B) of the In-
21	ternal Revenue Code of 1986."
22	(h) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections
23	for subpart A of part I of subchapter D of chapter 1 is
24	amended by inserting after the item relating to section
25	408A the following new item:

"Sec. 408B. SMART plans."

1	(i) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
3	31, 1998.
4	SEC. 5. FASTER VESTING OF EMPLOYER MATCHING CON-
5	TRIBUTIONS.
6	(a) Amendment of Internal Revenue Code.—
7	Paragraph (2) of section 411(a) (relating to employer con-
8	tributions) is amended—
9	(1) by inserting ", and, if applicable, (C)" after
10	"or (B)", and
11	(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12	paragraph:
13	"(C) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—In the
14	case of a plan that includes an accrued benefit
15	derived from matching contributions (as defined
16	in section 401(m)(4)(A)), the plan satisfies the
17	requirements of this subparagraph if—
18	"(i) if an employee who has completed
19	at least 3 years of service has a nonforfeit-
20	able right to 100 percent of the employee's
21	accrued benefit derived from such match-
22	ing contributions, or
23	"(ii) an employee has a nonforfeitable
24	right to a percentage of the employee's ac-
25	crued benefit derived from employer

1	matching contributions (as so defined) de-
2	termined under the following table:

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	"Years of service: percentage is:
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3	For purposes of this subparagraph, matching
4	contributions shall be taken into account re-
5	gardless of whether the matching contributions
6	are made to the same plan as the contributions
7	being matched, and matching contributions to
8	any plan shall be taken into account if such
9	matching contributions are made with respect
10	to after-tax employee contributions and if the
11	employer's limit on matching contributions with
12	respect to such after-tax employee contributions
13	is coordinated with the employer's limit on
14	matching contributions with respect to con-
15	tributions under such section.".
16	(b) AMENDMENT OF ERISA.—Paragraph (2) of sec-
17	tion 203(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security
18	Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1053(a)) is amended—
19	(1) by inserting ", and, if applicable, (C)" after
20	"or (B)", and
21	(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22	paragraph:

1	"(C) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—In the
2	case of a plan that includes an accrued benefit
3	derived from matching contributions (as defined
4	in section 401(m)(4)(A) of the Internal Reve-
5	nue Code of 1986), the plan satisfies the re-
6	quirements of this subparagraph if—
7	"(i) if an employee who has completed
8	at least 3 years of service has a nonforfeit-
9	able right to 100 percent of the employee's
10	accrued benefit derived from such match-
11	ing contributions, or
12	"(ii) an employee has a nonforfeitable
13	right to a percentage of the employee's ac-
14	crued benefit derived from employer
15	matching contributions (as so defined) de-
16	termined under the following table:
	"Years of service: percentage is: 2
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17	For purposes of this subparagraph, matching
18	contributions shall be taken into account re-

For purposes of this subparagraph, matching contributions shall be taken into account regardless of whether the matching contributions are made to the same plan as the contributions being matched, and matching contributions to any plan shall be taken into account if such

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matching contributions are made with respect to after-tax employee contributions includible in gross income and if the employer's limit on matching contributions with respect to such includible employee contributions is coordinated with the employer's limit on matching contributions with respect to contributions under such section."

(c) Effective Date.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 1998.
- (2) APPLICATION TO CURRENT EMPLOYEES.—
 The amendments made by this section shall not apply to any employee who does not have at least 1 hour of service in any plan year beginning after December 31, 1998.
- (3) Collective Bargaining agreements.—
 In the case of a plan maintained pursuant to 1 or more collective bargaining agreements between employee representatives and 1 or more employers ratified by the date of the enactment of this Act, the amendments made by this section shall not apply to

1	employees covered by any such agreement in plan
2	years beginning before the earlier of—
3	(A) the later of—
4	(i) the date on which the last of such
5	collective bargaining agreements termi-
6	nates (determined without regard to any
7	extension thereof on or after such date of
8	enactment), or
9	(ii) January 1, 1999, or
10	(B) January 1, 2003.
11	SEC. 6. PENSION RIGHT TO KNOW PROPOSALS.
12	(a) Spouse's Right To Know Distribution In-
13	FORMATION.—
14	(1) Amendment of internal revenue
15	CODE.—Paragraph (3) of section 417(a) (relating to
16	definitions and special rules for purposes of mini-
17	mum survivor annuity requirements) is amended by
18	adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
19	"(C) Explanation to spouse.—At the
20	time a plan provides a participant with a writ-
21	ten explanation under subparagraph (A) or (B),
22	such plan shall provide a copy of such expla-
23	nation to such participant's spouse. If the last
24	known address of the spouse is the same as the
25	last known address of the participant, the re-

quirement of the preceding sentence shall be treated as met if the copy referred to in the preceding sentence is included in a single mailing made to such address and addressed to both such participant and spouse.".

- (2) AMENDMENT OF ERISA.—Paragraph (3) of section 205(c) of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
 - "(C) Explanation to spouse.—At the time a plan provides a participant with a written explanation under subparagraph (A) or (B), such plan shall provide a copy of such explanation to such participant's spouse. If the last known address of the spouse is the same as the last known address of the participant, the requirement of the preceding sentence shall be treated as met if the copy referred to in the preceding sentence is included in a single mailing made to such address and addressed to both such participant and spouse.".
- (b) Employee's Right To Know of Opportunity 23 for Elective Contributions Under 401(k) Plans.— 24 Subparagraph (D) of section 401(k)(12) (relating to no-25 tice requirements) is amended—

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1	(1) by striking ", within a reasonable period be-
2	fore any year," and inserting "before the 60th day
3	before the beginning of any year", and
4	(2) by adding at the end the following new
5	flush sentence:
6	"The requirements of paragraph (11)(B)(iii)
7	shall apply for purposes of this subparagraph."
8	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
9	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
10	31, 1998.
11	SEC. 7. MANDATORY 1 PERCENT EMPLOYER CONTRIBU-
12	TION REQUIRED UNDER ALTERNATIVE
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13	METHOD OF MEETING NONDISCRIMINATION
13 14	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS.
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14 15	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS. (a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section
14 15 16 17	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS. (a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(12) (relating to alternative methods of meeting
14 15 16 17	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS. (a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(12) (relating to alternative methods of meeting nondiscrimination requirements) is amended to read as
14 15 16 17 18	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS. (a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(12) (relating to alternative methods of meeting nondiscrimination requirements) is amended to read as follows:
14 15 16 17 18	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS. (a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(12) (relating to alternative methods of meeting nondiscrimination requirements) is amended to read as follows: "(B) Nonelective and matching con-
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS. (a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(12) (relating to alternative methods of meeting nondiscrimination requirements) is amended to read as follows: "(B) Nonelective and Matching contributions.—
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS. (a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(12) (relating to alternative methods of meeting nondiscrimination requirements) is amended to read as follows: "(B) Nonelective and matching contributions.— "(i) In General.—The requirements
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	REQUIREMENTS FOR 401(K) PLANS. (a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(12) (relating to alternative methods of meeting nondiscrimination requirements) is amended to read as follows: "(B) Nonelective and Matching contributions.— "(i) In General.—The requirements of this subparagraph are met if the re-

1	are met if, under the arrangement, the em-
2	ployer is required, without regard to
3	whether the employee makes an elective
4	contribution or employee contribution, to
5	make a contribution to a defined contribu-
6	tion plan on behalf of each employee who
7	is not a highly compensated employee and
8	who is eligible to participate in the ar-
9	rangement in an amount equal to at least
10	1 percent of the employee's compensation.
11	"(iii) Matching contributions.—
12	The requirements of this clause are met if,
13	under the arrangement, the employer
14	makes matching contributions on behalf of
15	each employee who is not a highly com-
16	pensated employee in an amount equal
17	to—
18	"(I) 100 percent of the elective
19	contributions of the employee to the
20	extent such elective contributions do
21	not exceed 3 percent of the employee's
22	compensation, and
23	"(II) 50 percent of the elective
24	contributions of the employee to the
25	extent that such elective contributions

1	exceed 3 percent but do not exceed 5
2	percent of the employee's compensa-
3	tion.
4	"(iv) Rate for highly com-
5	PENSATED EMPLOYEES.—The require-
6	ments of clause (iii) are not met if, under
7	the arrangement, the rate of matching con-
8	tribution with respect to any rate of elec-
9	tive contribution of a highly compensated
10	employee is greater than that with respect
11	to an employee who is not a highly com-
12	pensated employee.
13	"(v) Alternative plan designs.—
14	If the rate of matching contribution with
15	respect to any rate of elective contribution
16	is not equal to the percentage required
17	under clause (iii), an arrangement shall
18	not be treated as failing to meet the re-
19	quirements of clause (iii) if—
20	"(I) the rate of an employer's
21	matching contribution does not in-
22	crease as an employee's rate of elec-
23	tive contribution increase, and
24	"(II) the aggregate amount of
25	matching contributions at such rate of

1	elective contribution is at least equal
2	to the aggregate amount of matching
3	contributions which would be made if
4	matching contributions were made on
5	the basis of the percentages described
6	in clause (iii).".
7	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
8	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
9	31, 1998.
10	SEC. 8. DEFINITION OF HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOY-
11	EES.
12	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section
13	414(q)(1) (defining highly compensated employee) is
14	amended to read as follows:
15	"(B) for the preceding year had compensa-
16	tion from the employer in excess of \$80,000.".
17	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
18	(1)(A) Subsection (q) of section 414 is amended
19	by striking paragraphs (3), (5), and (7) and by re-
20	designating paragraphs (4), (6), (8), and (9) as
21	paragraphs (3) through (6), respectively.
22	(B) Sections $129(d)(8)(B)$, $401(a)(5)(D)(ii)$,
23	408(k)(2)(C), and $416(i)(1)(D)$ are each amended
24	by striking "section 414(q)(4)" and inserting "sec-
25	tion $414(q)(3)$ ".

1	(C) Section 416(i)(1)(A) is amended by striking
2	"section $414(q)(5)$ " and inserting "section
3	414(r)(9)".
4	(2)(A) Section 414(r) is amended by adding at
5	the end the following new paragraph:
6	"(9) Excluded employees.—For purposes of
7	paragraph (2)(A), the following employees shall be
8	excluded:
9	"(A) Employees who have not completed 6
10	months of service.
11	"(B) Employees who normally work less
12	than $17\frac{1}{2}$ hours per week.
13	"(C) Employees who normally work during
14	not more than 6 months during any year.
15	"(D) Employees who have not attained the
16	age of 21.
17	"(E) Except to the extent provided in reg-
18	ulations, employees who are included in a unit
19	of employees covered by an agreement which
20	the Secretary of Labor finds to be a collective
21	bargaining agreement between employee rep-
22	resentatives and the employer.".
23	(B) Subparagraph (A) of section $414(r)(2)$ is
24	amended by striking "subsection (q)(5)" and insert-
25	ing "paragraph (9)".

1	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
3	31, 1998.
4	SEC. 9. TREATMENT OF MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS UNDER
5	SECTION 415.
6	(a) Compensation Limit.—Paragraph (11) of sec-
7	tion 415(b) (relating to limitation for defined benefit
8	plans) is amended to read as follows:
9	"(11) Special limitation rule for govern-
10	MENTAL AND MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.—In the case
11	of a governmental plan (as defined in section
12	414(d)) or a multiemployer plan (as defined in sec-
13	tion 414(f)), subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1)
14	shall not apply.".
15	(b) Exemption for Survivor and Disability
16	Benefits.—Subparagraph (I) of section 415(b)(2) (related
17	ing to limitation for defined benefit plans) is amended—
18	(1) by inserting "or a multiemployer plan (as
19	defined in section 414(f))" after "section 414(d))"
20	in clause (i),
21	(2) by inserting "or multiemployer plan" after
22	"governmental plan" in clause (ii), and
23	(3) by inserting "AND MULTIEMPLOYER" after
24	"GOVERNMENTAL" in the heading.

1	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply to years beginning after December
3	31, 1998.
4	SEC. 10. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION FOR MULTIEMPLOYER
5	PLANS.
6	(a) Amendments to Code.—
7	(1) Full funding limitation.—Section
8	412(c)(7)(C) (relating to full funding limitation) is
9	amended—
10	(A) by inserting "or in the case of a multi-
11	employer plan," after "paragraph (6)(B),", and
12	(B) by inserting "AND MULTIEMPLOYER
13	PLANS" after "PARAGRAPH (6)(B)" in the head-
14	ing thereof.
15	(2) Valuation.—Section 412(c)(9) (relating to
16	annual valuation) is amended—
17	(A) by inserting "(3 years in the case of a
18	multiemployer plan)" after "year", and
19	(B) by striking "Annual Valuation" in
20	the heading and inserting "VALUATION".
21	(b) Amendments to ERISA.—
22	(1) Full funding limitation.—Section
23	302(c)(7)(C) of the Employee Retirement Income
24	Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. $1082(c)(7)(C)$) is
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1	(A) by inserting "or in the case of a multi-
2	employer plan," after "paragraph (6)(B),", and
3	(B) by inserting "AND MULTIEMPLOYER
4	PLANS" after "PARAGRAPH (6)(B)" in the head-
5	ing thereof.
6	(2) Valuation.—Section 302(c)(9) of such Act
7	(29 U.S.C. 1082(c)(9)) is amended—
8	(A) by inserting "(3 years in the case of a
9	multiemployer plan)" after "year", and
10	(B) by striking "Annual Valuation" in
11	the heading and inserting "VALUATION".
12	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
13	this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
14	cember 31, 1998.
15	SEC. 11. ELIMINATION OF PARTIAL TERMINATION RULES
16	FOR MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS.
17	(a) Partial Termination Rules for Multiem-
18	PLOYER PLANS.—Section 411(d)(3) (relating to termi-
19	nation or partial termination; discontinuance of contribu-
20	tions) is amended by adding at the end the following new
21	sentence: "This paragraph shall not apply in the case of
22	a partial termination of a multiemployer plan.".

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 2 this section shall apply to partial terminations beginning

3 after December 31, 1998.

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