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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the applicability
of the generation-skipping transfer tax.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself and Mr. MATSUI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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applicability of the generation-skipping transfer tax.

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. LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY OF GENERA-**
4 **TION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2651 (relating to genera-
6 tion assignment) is amended by redesignating subsection
7 (e) as subsection (f), and by inserting after subsection (d)
8 the following new subsection:

9 “(e) SPECIAL RULE FOR PERSONS WITH A DE-
10 CEASED PARENT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of determin-
2 ing whether any transfer is a generation-skipping
3 transfer, if—

4 “(A) an individual is a descendant of a
5 parent of the transferor (or the transferor’s
6 spouse or former spouse), and

7 “(B) such individual’s parent who is a lin-
8 eal descendant of the parent of the transferor
9 (or the transferor’s spouse or former spouse) is
10 dead at the time the transfer (from which an
11 interest of such individual is established or de-
12 rived) is subject to a tax imposed by chapter 11
13 or 12 upon the transferor (and if there shall be
14 more than 1 such time, then at the earliest
15 such time),

16 such individual shall be treated as if such individual
17 were a member of the generation which is 1 genera-
18 tion below the lower of the transferor’s generation or
19 the generation assignment of the youngest living an-
20 cestor of such individual who is also a descendant of
21 the parent of the transferor (or the transferor’s
22 spouse or former spouse), and the generation assign-
23 ment of any descendant of such individual shall be
24 adjusted accordingly.

1 “(2) LIMITED APPLICATION OF SUBSECTION TO
2 COLLATERAL HEIRS.—This subsection shall not
3 apply with respect to a transfer to any individual
4 who is not a lineal descendant of the transferor (or
5 the transferor’s spouse or former spouse) if, at the
6 time of the transfer, such transferor has any living
7 lineal descendant.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) Section 2612(c) of the Internal Revenue
10 Code of 1986 (defining direct skip) is amended by
11 striking paragraph (2) and by redesignating para-
12 graph (3) as paragraph (2).

13 (2) Section 2612(c)(2) of such Code (as so re-
14 designated) is amended by striking “section
15 2651(e)(2)” and inserting “section 2651(f)(2)”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to terminations, distributions, and
18 transfers occurring after the date of enactment of this sec-
19 tion.

