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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the application
of the excise tax imposed on arrow components.

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Mr. BARCIA (for himself, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. TANNER, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. JOHN, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. SANDLIN, and Mr. BILBRAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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the application of the excise tax imposed on arrow com-
ponents.

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 “Arrow Excise Tax
5 Clarification Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF EXCISE TAX IMPOSED ON**
2 **ARROW COMPONENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 4161(b)
4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to bows
5 and arrows, etc.) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(2) ARROWS.—

7 “(A) ARROW COMPONENTS.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby
9 imposed on the sale by the manufacturer,
10 producer, or importer of any shaft, point,
11 article used to attach a point to a shaft,
12 nock, or vane of a type used in the manu-
13 facture of any taxable arrow a tax equal to
14 12.4 percent of the price for which so sold.

15 “(ii) REDUCED RATE ON CERTAIN
16 HUNTING POINTS.—Clause (i) shall be ap-
17 plied by substituting ‘11 percent’ for ‘12.4
18 percent’ in the case of a point which is de-
19 signed primarily for use in hunting fish or
20 large animals.

21 “(B) IMPORTED ARROWS.—There is hereby
22 imposed on the sale by the importer of any tax-
23 able arrow a tax equal to 11 percent of the
24 price for which so sold.

1 “(C) TAXABLE ARROW.—For purposes of
2 this paragraph, the term ‘taxable arrow’ means
3 any arrow which—

4 “(i) measures 18 inches overall or
5 more in length, or

6 “(ii) measures less than 18 inches
7 overall in length but is suitable for use
8 with a bow described in paragraph (1)(A).

9 “(D) TAX-FREE SALES OF ARROWS BY
10 COMPONENT PURCHASERS TO GOVERNMENTS
11 AND TAX-EXEMPT ENTITIES.—In the case of
12 the tax imposed by subparagraph (A), para-
13 graphs (4) and (5) of section 4221(a), and sec-
14 tion 4221(b), shall be treated as also referring
15 to a sale of an article to a purchaser for resale
16 by such purchaser (either separately or as part
17 of an arrow) to a government or organization
18 described in such paragraphs for its exclusive
19 use.”

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
21 this section shall apply to articles sold by the manufac-
22 turer, producer, or importer after the close of the first cal-
23 endar month ending more than 30 days after the date of
24 the enactment of this Act.

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