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H. R. 2141

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 1999

Mr. ENGLISH (for himself and Mr. HULSHOF) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF DEDUCTION FOR INTEREST ON**
 2 **EDUCATION LOANS.**

3 (a) REPEAL OF DOLLAR LIMITATION ON, AND IN-
 4 CREASE IN INCOME THRESHOLD FOR PHASE OUT OF, DE-
 5 Duction FOR INTEREST ON EDUCATION LOANS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section
 7 221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating
 8 to maximum deduction) is amended to read as fol-
 9 lows:

10 “(b) LIMITATION BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS IN-
 11 COME.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount which would
 13 (but for this subsection) be allowable as a deduction
 14 under this section shall be reduced (but not below
 15 zero) by the amount determined under paragraph
 16 (2).

17 “(2) AMOUNT OF REDUCTION.—The amount
 18 determined under this paragraph is the amount
 19 which bears the same ratio to the amount which
 20 would be so taken into account as—

21 “(A) the excess of—

22 “(i) the taxpayer’s modified adjusted
 23 gross income for such taxable year, over

24 “(ii) \$100,000 (\$150,000 in the case
 25 of a joint return), bears to

26 “(B) \$15,000.

1 “(3) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

2 The term ‘modified adjusted gross income’ means
3 adjusted gross income determined—

4 “(A) without regard to this section and
5 sections 911, 931, and 933, and

6 “(B) after application of sections 86, 135,
7 137, 219, and 469.”.

8 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
9 by paragraph (1) shall apply to taxable years begin-
10 ning after December 31, 1999.

11 (b) REPEAL OF 60-MONTH LIMITATION ON DEDUC-
12 TION FOR INTEREST ON EDUCATION LOANS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 221 of the Internal
14 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to interest on edu-
15 cation loans) is amended by striking subsection (d)
16 and by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and (g) as
17 subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (e)
19 of section 6050S of such Code is amended by strik-
20 ing “section 221(e)(1)” and inserting “section
21 221(d)(1)”.

22 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
23 by this subsection shall apply to loan interest pay-

- 1 ments due and paid after December 31, 1999, in
- 2 taxable years ending after such date.

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