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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for contributions to individual investment accounts, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BREAUX introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Individual Investment
5 Account Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT AC-**
7 **COUNTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chap-
9 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
10 additional itemized deductions for individuals) is amended

1 by redesignating section 222 as section 223 and by insert-
 2 ing after section 221 the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 222. INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.**

4 “(a) DEDUCTION ALLOWED.—In the case of an indi-
 5 vidual, there shall be allowed as a deduction an amount
 6 equal to the aggregate amount paid in cash for the taxable
 7 year by such individual to an individual investment ac-
 8 count established for the benefit of such individual.

9 “(b) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—For pur-
 10 poses of this section—

11 “(1) INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.—The
 12 term ‘individual investment account’ means a trust
 13 created or organized in the United States for the ex-
 14 clusive benefit of an individual, but only if the writ-
 15 ten governing instrument creating the trust meets
 16 the following requirements:

17 “(A) No contribution will be accepted un-
 18 less it is in cash.

19 “(B) The trustee is a bank (as defined in
 20 section 408(n)) or another person who dem-
 21 onstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary
 22 that the manner in which that person will ad-
 23 minister the trust will be consistent with the re-
 24 quirements of this section.

1 “(C) No part of the trust assets will be in-
 2 vested in any collectible (as defined in section
 3 408(m)).

4 “(D) The assets of the trust will not be
 5 commingled with other property except in a
 6 common trust fund or common investment
 7 fund.

8 “(2) TIME WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS DEEMED
 9 MADE.—A taxpayer shall be deemed to have made a
 10 contribution on the last day of a taxable year if the
 11 contribution is made on account of such taxable year
 12 and is made not later than the time prescribed by
 13 law for filing the return for such taxable year (not
 14 including extensions thereof).

15 “(c) TAX TREATMENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
 17 vided in this subsection, any amount distributed out
 18 of an individual investment account shall be included
 19 in gross income by the distributee unless such
 20 amount is part of a qualified 1st-time homebuyer
 21 distribution.

22 “(2) QUALIFIED 1ST-TIME HOMEBUYER DIS-
 23 TRIBUTION.—For purposes of this subsection—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
 25 1st-time homebuyer distribution’ means any

1 payment or distribution received by a 1st-time
 2 homebuyer from an individual investment ac-
 3 count to the extent such payment or distribu-
 4 tion is used by the individual within 60 days
 5 to pay qualified acquisition costs with respect
 6 to a principal residence for such individual.

7 “(B) DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The aggre-
 8 gate amount which may be treated as qualified
 9 1st-time homebuyer distributions for all taxable
 10 years shall not exceed \$15,000.

11 “(C) BASIS REDUCTION.—The basis of any
 12 principal residence described in subparagraph
 13 (A) shall be reduced by the amount of any
 14 qualified 1st-time homebuyer distribution.

15 “(D) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
 16 paragraph—

17 “(i) QUALIFIED ACQUISITION
 18 COSTS.—The term ‘qualified acquisition
 19 costs’ means the costs of acquiring, con-
 20 structing, or reconstructing a residence.
 21 Such term includes any usual or reason-
 22 able settlement, financing, or other closing
 23 costs.

24 “(ii) 1ST-TIME HOMEBUYER.—The
 25 term ‘1st-time homebuyer’ means any indi-

vidual if such individual had no present ownership interest in a principal residence during the 3-year period ending on the date of acquisition of the principal residence to which this paragraph applies.

“(iii) PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE.—The term ‘principal residence’ has the same meaning as when used in section 1034.

“(3) TRANSFER OF ACCOUNT INCIDENT TO DIVORCE.—The transfer of an individual’s interest in an individual investment account to his former spouse under a divorce decree or under a written instrument incident to a divorce shall not be considered a taxable transfer made by such individual notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, and such interest at the time of the transfer shall be treated as an individual investment account of such spouse and not of such individual. Thereafter such account shall be treated, for purposes of this subtitle, as maintained for the benefit of such spouse.

“(d) TAX TREATMENT OF ACCOUNTS.—

“(1) EXEMPTION FROM TAX.—An individual investment account shall be exempt from taxation under this subtitle unless such account has ceased to be such an account by reason of paragraph (2). Not-

withstanding the preceding sentence, any such account shall be subject to the taxes imposed by section 511 (relating to imposition of tax on unrelated business income of charitable, etc. organizations).

“(2) LOSS OF EXEMPTION OF ACCOUNT WHERE INDIVIDUAL ENGAGES IN PROHIBITED TRANSACTION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If, during any taxable year of the individual for whose benefit the individual investment account is established, that individual engages in any transaction prohibited by section 4975 with respect to the account, the account shall cease to be an individual investment account as of the first day of that taxable year.

“(B) ACCOUNT TREATED AS DISTRIBUTING ALL ITS ASSETS.—In any case in which any account ceases to be an individual investment account by reason of subparagraph (A) on the first day of any taxable year, paragraph (1) of subsection (c) shall be applied as if there were a distribution on such first day in an amount equal to the fair market value (on such first day) of all assets in the account (on such first day).

1 “(3) EFFECT OF PLEDGING ACCOUNT AS SECUR-
 2 RITY.—If, during any taxable year, an individual for
 3 whose benefit an individual investment account is es-
 4 tablished uses the account or any portion thereof as
 5 security for a loan, the portion so used shall be
 6 treated as distributed to that individual.

7 “(4) ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS.—Paragraph
 8 (1) shall not apply to any amount paid or distrib-
 9 uted out of an individual investment account to the
 10 individual for whose benefit the account is main-
 11 tained if such amount is paid into another individual
 12 investment account for the benefit of such individual
 13 not later than the 60th day after the day on which
 14 he receives the payment or distribution.

15 “(e) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any taxable
 17 year beginning in a calendar year after 2000, the
 18 dollar amount contained in subsection (c)(2)(B)
 19 shall be increased by an amount equal to—

20 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

21 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
 22 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
 23 year in which the taxable year begins, by sub-
 24 stituting ‘1999’ for ‘1989’ in subparagraph (B)
 25 thereof.

1 “(2) ROUNDING.—If any dollar amount (as in-
2 creased under paragraph (1)) is not a multiple of
3 \$10, such dollar amount shall be increased to near-
4 est multiple of \$10 (or, if such dollar amount is a
5 multiple of \$5 and not of \$10, such dollar amount
6 shall be increased to next higher multiple of \$10).

7 “(f) CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS.—For purposes of this
8 section, a custodial account shall be treated as a trust if
9 the assets of such account are held by a bank (as defined
10 in section 408(n)) or another person who demonstrates,
11 to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that the manner in
12 which he will administer the account will be consistent
13 with the requirements of this section, and if the custodial
14 account would, except for the fact that it is not a trust,
15 constitute an individual investment account described in
16 subsection (b). For purposes of this title, in the case of
17 a custodial account treated as a trust by reason of the
18 preceding sentence, the custodian of such account shall be
19 treated as the trustee thereof.

20 “(g) REPORTS.—The trustee of an individual invest-
21 ment account shall make such reports regarding such ac-
22 count to the Secretary and to the individual for whose ben-
23 efit the account is maintained with respect to contribu-
24 tions, distributions, and such other matters as the Sec-
25 retary may require under regulations. The reports re-

1 quired by this subsection shall be filed at such time and
 2 in such manner and furnished to such individuals at such
 3 time and in such manner as may be required by those reg-
 4 ulations.”

5 (b) DEDUCTION ALLOWED IN ARRIVING AT AD-
 6 JUSTED GROSS INCOME.—Subsection (a) of section 62 of
 7 such Code (defining adjusted gross income) is amended
 8 by adding after paragraph (17) the following new para-
 9 graph:

10 “(18) INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT CON-
 11 TRIBUTIONS.—The deduction allowed by section 222
 12 (relating to individual investment accounts).”

13 (c) INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS EXEMPT
 14 FROM ESTATE TAX.—Part III of subchapter A of chapter
 15 11 of such Code is amended by redesignating section 2046
 16 as section 2047 and by inserting after section 2045 the
 17 following new section:

18 **“SEC. 2046. INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.**

19 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there
 20 shall be excluded from the value of the gross estate the
 21 value of any individual investment account (as defined in
 22 section 222(b)). Section 1014 shall not apply to such ac-
 23 count.”

24 (d) NONRECOGNITION OF GAIN ON SALE OF PRIN-
 25 CIPAL RESIDENCE WHERE AMOUNT EQUAL TO OTHER-

1 WISE TAXABLE GAIN DEPOSITED INTO INDIVIDUAL IN-
 2 VESTMENT ACCOUNT.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-
 3 ter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after section
 4 121 the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 121A. EXCLUSION OF GAIN FROM SALE OF PRINCIPAL**
 6 **RESIDENCE IF REINVESTMENT IN INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.**

8 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—Gross income does not in-
 9 clude gain from the sale or exchange of property if, during
 10 the 5-year period ending on the date of the sale or ex-
 11 change, such property has been owned and used by the
 12 taxpayer as his principal residence for periods aggregating
 13 3 years or more.

14 “(b) LIMITATION.—The amount of gain excluded
 15 from gross income under subsection (a) shall not exceed
 16 the amount paid in cash (during the 1-year period begin-
 17 ning on the date of the sale or exchange) to an individual
 18 investment account (as defined in section 222(b)) estab-
 19 lished for the benefit of the taxpayer or his spouse.

20 “(c) CERTAIN RULES ON OWNERSHIP AND USE TO
 21 APPLY.—Rules similar to the rules of section 121(d) shall
 22 apply for purposes of determining ownership and use
 23 under this section.”

1 (e) TAX ON PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS.—Section
 2 4975 of such Code (relating to prohibited transactions)
 3 is amended—

4 (1) by adding at the end of subsection (c) the
 5 following new paragraph:

6 “(6) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUAL INVEST-
 7 MENT ACCOUNTS.—An individual for whose benefit
 8 an individual investment account is established shall
 9 be exempt from the tax imposed by this section with
 10 respect to any transaction concerning such account
 11 (which would otherwise be taxable under this sec-
 12 tion) if, with respect to such transaction, the ac-
 13 count ceases to be an individual investment account
 14 by reason of the application of section 222(d)(2)(A)
 15 to such account.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “or” at the
 17 end of subparagraph (E), by redesignating subpara-
 18 graph (F) as subparagraph (G) and by inserting
 19 after subparagraph (E) the following new subpara-
 20 graph:

21 “(F) an individual investment account de-
 22 scribed in section 222(b), or”.

23 (f) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL
 24 INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.—Section 6693(a)(2) of such
 25 Code (relating to failure to provide reports on individual

1 retirement account or annuities) is amended by striking
 2 “and” at the end of subparagraph (C), by striking the pe-
 3 riod at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting “, and”,
 4 and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

5 “(E) section 222(g) (relating to individual
 6 investment accounts).”

7 (g) ADJUSTMENT OF BASIS OF RESIDENCE AC-
 8 QUIRED THROUGH USE OF ACCOUNT.—Subsection (a) of
 9 section 1016 of such Code is amended by striking “and”
 10 at the end of paragraph (26), by striking the period at
 11 the end of paragraph (27) and inserting “; and”, and by
 12 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

13 “(28) to the extent provided in section
 14 222(c)(2)(C), in the case of a residence the acquisi-
 15 tion of which was made in whole or in part with
 16 funds from an individual investment account.”

17 (h) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) The table of sections for part III of sub-
 19 chapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by
 20 inserting after the item relating to section 121 the
 21 following new item:

 “Sec. 121A. Exclusion of gain from sale of principal residence if
 reinvestment in individual investment account.”

22 (2) The table of sections for part VII of sub-
 23 chapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by

1 striking the item relating to section 222 and insert-
 2 ing the following:

“Sec. 222. Individual investment accounts.
 “Sec. 223. Cross reference.”

3 (3) The table of sections for part III of sub-
 4 chapter A of chapter 11 of such Code is amended by
 5 striking the item relating to section 2046 and insert-
 6 ing the following new items:

“Sec. 2046. Individual investment accounts.
 “Sec. 2047. Disclaimers.”

7 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 8 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 9 December 31, 1999.

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