

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 546

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 1999

Mr. DORGAN 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 “Health Insurance Cost
5 Tax Equity Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FULL DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS**
7 **OF SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 162(l)(1) of the Internal
9 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to special rules for health

1 insurance costs of self-employed individuals) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 “(1) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—In the case
4 of an individual who is an employee within the
5 meaning of section 401(c)(1), there shall be allowed
6 as a deduction under this section an amount equal
7 to the amount paid during the taxable year for in-
8 surance which constitutes medical care for the tax-
9 payer, the taxpayer’s spouse, and dependents.”

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
12 December 31, 1998.

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