# H. R. 2040

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a nonrefundable tax credit against income tax for individuals who purchase energy efficient appliances.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 25, 2001

Mr. Thompson of California (for himself, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Lantos, Mr. Hinchey, Ms. McKinney, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Matsui, Ms. Rivers, Mrs. Capps, Mr. George Miller of California, Mr. Crowley, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schiff, Ms. McCarthy of Missiouri, Ms. Solis, Mr. Allen, Ms. Pelosi, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Thurman, Mr. McDermott, Ms. Woolsey, Ms. Waters, Mr. Defazio, Ms. Norton, Mr. Bonior, and Mr. Stupak) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a nonrefundable tax credit against income tax for individuals who purchase energy efficient appliances.

- 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 "Energy Efficient Appli-
- 5 ances Act of 2001".

#### 1 SEC. 2. CREDIT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES.

- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
- 3 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 4 1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is
- 5 amended by inserting after section 25A the following new
- 6 section:

#### 7 "SEC. 25B. PURCHASE OF ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES.

- 8 "(a) Allowance of Credit.—In the case of an in-
- 9 dividual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
- 10 imposed by this chapter an amount equal to 50 percent
- 11 of the amount paid by the taxpayer for the purchase of
- 12 any qualified energy efficient appliance.
- 13 "(b) Limitations.—
- "(1) Dollar Limit.—The credit allowed under
- subsection (a) shall not exceed \$1,000 for each indi-
- vidual for a taxable year.
- 17 "(2) Appropriate disposition of old appli-
- ANCES REQUIRED.—In the case of a taxpayer pur-
- chasing a qualified energy efficient appliance to re-
- 20 place an energy inefficient appliance, the credit al-
- lowed under subsection (a) shall not apply unless the
- taxpayer disposes of the energy inefficient appliance
- appropriately.
- 24 "(c) Definition of Qualified Energy Efficient
- 25 APPLIANCE.—For purposes of this section, the term
- 26 'qualified energy efficient appliance' means a clothes

- 1 washer, clothes dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, water
- 2 heater, or room air conditioner that meets the qualifying
- 3 levels established by the Secretary of Energy for inclusion
- 4 in the Department of Energy's Energy Star program.".
- 5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 6 for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1
- 7 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relat-
- 8 ing to section 25A the following new item:

"25B. Purchase of energy efficient appliances.".

#### 9 SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- The amendments made by this Act shall apply to tax-
- 11 able years beginning after December 31, 2001.

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