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H. R. 1241

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain systems installed in nonresidential buildings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. DICKS, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. AKIN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. KIND, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. UPTON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. FORD, Mr. PLATTS, and Mr. CALVERT) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cool and Efficient
5 Buildings Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECOVERY PERIOD FOR DEPRECIATION OF CER-**
 2 **TAIN SYSTEMS INSTALLED IN NONRESIDEN-**
 3 **TIAL BUILDINGS.**

4 (a) 20-YEAR RECOVERY PERIOD.—Subparagraph
 5 (F) of section 168(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 6 1986 (relating to 20-year property) is amended to read
 7 as follows:

8 “(F) 20-YEAR PROPERTY.—The term ‘20-
 9 year property’ means—

10 “(i) initial clearing and grading land
 11 improvements with respect to any electric
 12 utility transmission and distribution plant,
 13 and

14 “(ii) any property—

15 “(I) which is part of a heating,
 16 ventilation, air conditioning, or com-
 17 mercial refrigeration system,

18 “(II) which is installed on or in
 19 a building which is nonresidential real
 20 property, and

21 “(III) the original use of which
 22 commences with the taxpayer.”.

23 (b) REQUIREMENT TO USE STRAIGHT LINE METH-
 24 OD.—Paragraph (3) of section 168(b) of such Code (relat-
 25 ing to property to which straight line method applies) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-
 2 graph:

3 “(G) Property described in subsection
 4 (e)(3)(F)(ii).”.

5 (c) ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM.—The table contained in
 6 section 168(g)(3)(B) of such Code is amended by striking
 7 the item relating to subparagraph (F) and inserting the
 8 following new items:

“(F)(i)	25
(F)(ii)	25”.

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 10 this section shall apply to property placed in service after
 11 December 31, 2005.

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