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# H. R. 2249

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make refundable the credit for expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Mr. PORTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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. REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR EXPENSES FOR**  
4 **HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE SERV-**  
5 **ICES NECESSARY FOR GAINFUL EMPLOY-**  
6 **MENT.**

7 (a) \$3,000 PER CHILD LIMIT.—Paragraphs (1) and  
8 (2) of section 21(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

1 (relating to dollar limit on amount creditable) are amend-  
2 ed to read as follows:

3 “(1) \$3,000, multiplied by

4 “(2) the number of qualifying individuals with  
5 respect to the taxpayer for such taxable year.”.

6 (b) MODIFICATION OF ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME  
7 LIMITATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section  
9 21(a) of such Code is amended to read as follows:

10 “(2) ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITATION.—

11 The amount of the credit allowable under paragraph  
12 (1) shall be reduced (but not below zero) by \$50 for  
13 each \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) by which the tax-  
14 payer’s adjusted gross income exceeds \$125,000  
15 (twice such amount in the case of a joint return).”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
17 21(a)(1) of such Code is amended by striking “ap-  
18 plicable percentage” and inserting “35 percent”.

19 (c) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Subsection (e) of sec-  
20 tion 21 of such Code is amended by adding at the end  
21 the following new paragraph:

22 “(11) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of  
23 any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after  
24 2006, the \$125,000 amount contained in subsection  
25 (a)(2) and the \$3,000 amount contained in sub-

1 section (c)(1) shall each be increased by an amount  
2 equal to—

3 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

4 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-  
5 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar  
6 year in which the taxable year begins, deter-  
7 mined by substituting ‘2005’ for ‘1992’ in sub-  
8 paragraph (B) thereof.

9 Any increase determined under the preceding sen-  
10 tence shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of  
11 \$50.”.

12 (d) CREDIT MADE REFUNDABLE.—

13 (1) CREDIT MOVED TO SUBPART RELATING TO  
14 REFUNDABLE CREDITS.—The Internal Revenue  
15 Code of 1986 is amended—

16 (A) by redesignating section 36 as section  
17 37,

18 (B) by redesignating section 21, as amend-  
19 ed by this Act, as section 36, and

20 (C) by moving section 36 (as so redesign-  
21 ated) from subpart A of part IV of subchapter  
22 A of chapter 1 to the location immediately be-  
23 fore section 37 (as so redesignated) in subpart  
24 C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1.

25 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1           (A) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of  
2 title 31, United States Code, is amended by in-  
3 serting “or 36” after “section 35”.

4           (B) The table of sections for subpart A of  
5 part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the In-  
6 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by  
7 striking the item relating to section 21.

8           (C) The table of sections for subpart C of  
9 part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the In-  
10 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by re-  
11 designating the item relating to section 36 as  
12 an item relating to section 37 and by inserting  
13 before such item the following new item:

“Sec. 36. Expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for  
gainful employment.”.

14       (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
16 December 31, 2005.

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