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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to preserve affordable housing in multifamily housing units which are sold or exchanged.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAMSTAD (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Affordable Housing  
5       Preservation Tax Relief Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF GAIN FROM SALES OF AFFORDABLE**  
 2 **HOUSING WHICH IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO DE-**  
 3 **PRECIATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part I of subchapter P of chapter  
 5 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to treat-  
 6 ment of capital gains) is amended by inserting after sec-  
 7 tion 1202 the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 1203. EXCLUSION OF GAIN FROM QUALIFIED SALES**  
 9 **OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Gross income shall not include  
 11 gain from the qualified sale or exchange of eligible multi-  
 12 family housing property.

13 “(b) EXCLUSION LIMITED TO DEPRECIATION.—The  
 14 amount of gain excluded from gross income under sub-  
 15 section (a) with respect to any property shall not exceed  
 16 the depreciation adjustments (as defined in section  
 17 1250(b)(3)) in respect of such property.

18 “(c) QUALIFIED SALE OR EXCHANGE.—For purposes  
 19 of this section—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified sale or  
 21 exchange’ means a sale of eligible multifamily hous-  
 22 ing property to or an exchange of such property with  
 23 a preservation entity which agrees to maintain af-  
 24 fordability and use restrictions regarding the prop-  
 25 erty that are—

1 “(A) for a term of not less than the ex-  
2 tended use period,

3 “(B) legally enforceable, and

4 “(C) consistent with the requirements of  
5 paragraph (2).

6 Such restrictions shall be binding on all successors  
7 of the preservation entity and shall be recorded as  
8 a restrictive covenant on the property pursuant to  
9 State law.

10 “(2) AFFORDABILITY AND USE RESTRIC-  
11 TIONS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Affordability and use  
13 restrictions regarding a property are consistent  
14 with this paragraph if—

15 “(i) in the case of property with re-  
16 spect to which assistance described in sub-  
17 section (d) is still in effect (as determined  
18 by the Secretary), such property satisfies  
19 the affordability and use restrictions in  
20 connection with such assistance, or

21 “(ii) in the case of any other property,  
22 such property is maintained as affordable  
23 housing.

24 “(B) AFFORDABLE HOUSING.—The term  
25 ‘affordable housing’ means housing which would

1 be a qualified low-income housing project (as  
2 defined in section 42(g)) if subparagraph (A) of  
3 section 42(g)(1) did not apply and subpara-  
4 graph (B) of such section were applied by sub-  
5 stituting ‘51 percent’ for ‘40 percent’. Eligible  
6 multifamily housing property shall not fail to be  
7 treated as affordable housing solely because  
8 residents of such property (while such property  
9 was described in subparagraph (A)(i)) continue  
10 to reside in such property.

11 “(3) CERTIFICATION BY PROGRAM ADMINIS-  
12 TRATOR.—The term ‘qualified sale or exchange’  
13 shall not include any sale or exchange of property  
14 unless the housing credit agency certifies—

15 “(A) that the transferee with respect to  
16 such property is a qualified preservation entity,

17 “(B) that affordability and use restrictions  
18 will be maintained with respect to such property  
19 during the extended use period, and

20 “(C) the amount of gain which the trans-  
21 feror will be allowed to exclude from gross in-  
22 come under subsection (a) (determined at the  
23 entity level in the case of a partnership or S  
24 corporation).

1           “(4) EXTENDED USE PERIOD.—The term ‘ex-  
2           tended use period’ means the period beginning on  
3           the date of sale and ending on the earlier of—

4                       “(A) 30 years after the close of the sale,  
5                       or

6                       “(B) the date that the property is acquired  
7                       by foreclosure (or instrument in lieu of fore-  
8                       closure).

9           Subparagraph (B) shall not apply if the Secretary  
10           determines that the acquisition described therein is  
11           part of an arrangement with the owner a purpose of  
12           which is to terminate the extended use period.

13           “(d) ELIGIBLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROP-  
14           ERTY.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘eligible  
15           multifamily housing property’ means any section 1250  
16           property (as defined in section 1250(c))—

17                       “(1) which is assisted under section 221(d)(3)  
18                       or section 236 of the National Housing Act (or fi-  
19                       nanced or assisted by direct loan or tax abatement  
20                       under similar provisions of State or local laws) and  
21                       with respect to which the owner is subject to the re-  
22                       strictions described in section 1039(b)(1)(B) (as in  
23                       effect on the day before the date of the enactment  
24                       of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990),

1           “(2) which is described in section 512(2)(B) of  
2           the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Af-  
3           fordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note),

4           “(3) with respect to which a loan is made or in-  
5           sured under title V of the Housing Act of 1949, or

6           “(4) which either received an allocation of low-  
7           income housing tax credit pursuant to paragraph (1)  
8           of section 42(h) or was exempted from such para-  
9           graph by paragraph (4) of such section.

10          “(e) PRESERVATION ENTITY.—For purposes of this  
11          section, the term ‘preservation entity’ means a housing  
12          credit agency or an organization approved by a housing  
13          credit agency that has the capacity and commitment to  
14          successfully acquire and preserve eligible multifamily  
15          housing property. An organization shall not be treated as  
16          a preservation entity with respect to any taxpayer if such  
17          organization is related (as defined in section 267) to such  
18          taxpayer.

19          “(f) RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOUSING CREDIT AGEN-  
20          CY.—The housing credit agency (or an agent or other pri-  
21          vate contractor of such agency) shall—

22                 “(1) determine whether the preservation enti-  
23                 ty’s plan for rehabilitation (if any) and operation of  
24                 the eligible multifamily housing property is viable for  
25                 no less than 30 years,

1           “(2) monitor the affordability and use restric-  
2           tions for the eligible multifamily housing property,  
3           and

4           “(3) notify the Internal Revenue Service as to  
5           any portion of such property which is out of compli-  
6           ance.

7           “(g) RECAPTURE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—If the Sec-  
8           retary determines that all or a portion of the multifamily  
9           housing property acquired by a preservation entity in a  
10          transfer to which subsection (a) applied is out of compli-  
11          ance with the requirements of this section, the preserva-  
12          tion entity’s tax imposed under this chapter for the taxable  
13          year shall be increased by (or if such entity is not other-  
14          wise subject to tax under this chapter, there shall be im-  
15          posed on such entity a tax equal to) 12.5 percent of the  
16          amount which bears the same ratio to the amount certified  
17          under subsection (c)(3)(C) with respect to such property  
18          as such entity’s share of the portion of such property  
19          which is out of compliance bears to the entire property.  
20          The amount otherwise determined under this subsection  
21          (without regard to this sentence) shall be reduced by the  
22          product of 3.33% of such amount, multiplied by the num-  
23          ber of years after the qualified sale or exchange that the  
24          property was in compliance with the requirements of this  
25          section.

1       “(h) COORDINATION WITH SECTION 1250.—In the  
 2 case of a qualified sale or exchange of eligible multifamily  
 3 housing property a portion of the gain from which is treat-  
 4 ed as ordinary income under section 1250, such portion  
 5 of the gain shall be excluded from gross income under sub-  
 6 section (a) before any remaining portion of such gain.”.

7       (b) APPLICATION OF 25 PERCENT CAPITAL GAINS  
 8 RATE.—Clause (i) of section 1(h)(6)(A) of the Internal  
 9 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

10               “(i) the sum of—

11                       “(I) the amount of long-term  
 12 capital gain (not otherwise treated as  
 13 ordinary income) which would be  
 14 treated as ordinary income if section  
 15 1250(b)(1) included all depreciation  
 16 and the applicable percentage under  
 17 section 1250(a) were 100 percent, and

18                       “(II) the amount of long-term  
 19 capital gain (not otherwise excluded  
 20 from gross income) which would be  
 21 excluded from gross income under sec-  
 22 tion 1203 if subsection (b) thereof did  
 23 not apply, over”.

24       (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—



1           (1) Subparagraph (B) of section 172(d)(2) of  
2           the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by  
3           striking “section 1202” and inserting “section 1202  
4           and 1203”.

5           (2) Paragraph (4) of section 642(c) of such  
6           Code is amended by striking the first sentence and  
7           inserting the following: “To the extent that the  
8           amount otherwise allowable as a deduction under  
9           this subsection consists of gain described in section  
10          1202(a) or 1203(a)), proper adjustment shall be  
11          made for any exclusion allowable to the estate or  
12          trust under section 1202 or section 1203, as the  
13          case may be.”

14          (3) Paragraph (3) of section 643(a) of such  
15          Code is amended by striking “section 1202” and in-  
16          serting “sections 1202 and 1203”.

17          (4) Paragraph (4) of section 691(c) of such  
18          Code is amended by inserting “1203,” after  
19          “1202,”.

20          (5) Paragraph (2) of section 871(a) of such  
21          Code is amended by inserting “and 1203” after  
22          “section 1202”.

23          (6) The table of sections for part I of sub-  
24          chapter P of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by

1        inserting after the item relating to section 1202 the  
2        following new item:

      “Sec. 1203. Exclusion of gain from qualified sales of multifamily housing.”.

3        (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
5 December 31, 2005.

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