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# H. R. 1403

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2 percent tax reduction for members of the Armed Forces who serve in a combat zone.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNEY (for himself and Mr. PLATTS) 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. DEDUCTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
4       **FORCES WHO SERVE IN A COMBAT ZONE.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chap-  
6       ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to  
7       additional itemized deductions) is amended by redesignig-  
8       nating section 224 as section 225 and by inserting after  
9       section 223 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 224. MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVE**  
2 **IN A COMBAT ZONE.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible combat  
4 zone service member, there shall be allowed as a deduction  
5 an amount equal to 2 percent of the taxpayer’s adjusted  
6 gross income (determined without regard to this section).

7 “(b) LIMITATION.—The deduction allowed under sub-  
8 section (a) with respect to a taxpayer for any taxable year  
9 shall not exceed \$2,000.

10 “(c) ELIGIBLE COMBAT ZONE SERVICE MEMBER.—  
11 For purposes of this section—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible combat  
13 zone service member’ means any individual who, as  
14 of the close of the taxable year (and taking into ac-  
15 count all periods prior to such taxable year), has  
16 served on active duty in a combat zone as a member  
17 of the Armed Forces for an aggregate period of 90  
18 days or more.

19 “(2) TREATMENT OF HOSPITALIZATIONS.—Any  
20 period of hospitalization as a result of wounds, dis-  
21 ease, or injury incurred while serving in a combat  
22 zone shall be treated for purposes of this section as  
23 service on active duty in a combat zone.

24 “(3) EXCEPTION.—Such term shall not include  
25 any individual for any taxable year if such individual  
26 has been, at any time prior to the close of such tax-

1       able year, discharged or released from military,  
2       naval, or air service under dishonorable conditions.

3               “(4) COMBAT ZONE.—The term ‘combat zone’  
4       has the meaning given such term under section  
5       112(c)(2).

6               “(d) SPECIAL RULES FOR JOINT RETURNS.—In the  
7       case of a joint return—

8               “(1) the taxpayer shall be treated as an eligible  
9       combat zone service member for purposes of this  
10       section if either spouse is such a member, and

11              “(2) if both spouses are eligible combat zone  
12       service members (determined without regard to  
13       paragraph (1)), subsection (b) shall be applied by  
14       doubling the dollar amount in effect under such sub-  
15       section.”.

16       (b) DEDUCTION ALLOWED IN COMPUTING AD-  
17       JUSTED GROSS INCOME.—Subsection (a) of section 62 of  
18       such Code is amended by inserting before the last sentence  
19       the following new paragraph:

20              “(22) MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO  
21       SERVE IN A COMBAT ZONE.—The deduction allowed  
22       by section 224.”.

23       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
24       for part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code  
25       is amended by redesignating the item relating to section

1 224 as an item relating to section 225 and inserting before  
2 such item the following new item:

“Sec. 224. Members of the Armed Forces who serve in a combat zone.”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
5 December 31, 2006.

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