110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R. 5693

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for volunteer firefighters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2008

Mr. Boozman 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 "Volunteer Firefighter
- 5 Recruitment and Retention Act of 2008".
- 6 SEC. 2. CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.
- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
- 8 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 9 1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is

- 1 amended by inserting after section 25D the following new
- 2 section:
- 3 "SEC. 25E. CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.
- 4 "(a) Allowance of Credit.—In the case of a vol-
- 5 unteer firefighter, there shall be allowed as a credit
- 6 against the tax imposed by this chapter the credit amount
- 7 determined under subsection (b).
- 8 "(b) Credit Amount.—With respect to a taxable
- 9 year, the credit amount determined under this subsection
- 10 is—
- "(1) in the case of a volunteer firefighter who
- has completed 3 or more years of service as a volun-
- teer firefighter during the taxable year, \$1,000, and
- 14 "(2) in the case of a volunteer firefighter who
- has completed 8 or more years of service as a volun-
- teer firefighter during the taxable year, \$1,500.
- 17 "(c) Volunteer Firefighter.—For purposes of
- 18 this section, the term 'volunteer firefighter' means an indi-
- 19 vidual who is a member in good standing of a qualified
- 20 volunteer emergency response organization (as defined in
- 21 section 139B).".
- 22 (b) Conforming Amendment.—The table of sec-
- 23 tions for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter
- 24 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item
- 25 relating to section 25D the following new item:

[&]quot;Sec. 25E. Credit for volunteer firefighters.".

- 1 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after

3 December 31, 2007.

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