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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit to military retirees for premiums paid for coverage under Medicare Part B.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. EMERSON 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 “Military Retiree Health
5 Care Relief Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREMIUMS PAID BY MILITARY RETIREES FOR MEDI-**
7 **CARE PART B.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart C of part IV of sub-
9 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of

1 1986 (relating to refundable credits) is amended by insert-
2 ing after section 36 the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 36A. PREMIUMS PAID BY MILITARY RETIREES FOR**
4 **MEDICARE PART B.**

5 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an eli-
6 gible individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against
7 the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an
8 amount equal to the aggregate premiums paid under sec-
9 tion 1840 of the Social Security Act by the taxpayer dur-
10 ing the taxable year for enrollment of the eligible indi-
11 vidual under part B of title XVIII of such Act.

12 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of sub-
13 section (a), the term ‘eligible individual’ means—

14 “(1) an individual who is entitled to retired or
15 retainer pay based upon service in the uniformed
16 services (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United
17 States Code),

18 “(2) the spouse (as determined under section
19 7703) of an individual described in paragraph (1),
20 and

21 “(3) the widow or widower, as the case may be,
22 of an individual described in paragraph (1).”.

23 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

4 (2) The table of sections for subpart C of part
5 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Rev-
6 enue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the
7 item relating to section 36 the following new item:

“Sec. 36A. Premiums paid by military retirees for Medicare Part B.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply to expenses incurred after
11 December 31, 1998.

12 (2) WAIVER OF LIMITATIONS.—If the credit or
13 refund of any overpayment of tax resulting from the
14 application of section 36A of the Internal Revenue
15 Code of 1986 (as added by this section) to a period
16 before the date of enactment of this Act is prevented
17 as of such date by the operation of any law or rule
18 of law (including res judicata), such credit or refund
19 may nevertheless be allowed or made if the claim
20 therefor is filed before the close of the 1-year period
21 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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