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# H. R. 343

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a deduction for personal safety clothing.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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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volunteer firefighters a deduction for personal safety clothing.

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       Tax Relief Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEDUCTION FOR PERSONAL SAFETY CLOTHING OF**  
7       **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chap-  
9       ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to  
10       additional itemized deductions for individuals) is amended

1 by redesignating section 224 as section 225 and by insert-  
 2 ing after section 223 the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 224. PERSONAL SAFETY CLOTHING OF VOLUNTEER**  
 4 **FIREFIGHTERS.**

5 “In the case of an individual who is a volunteer with  
 6 a volunteer fire department, there shall be allowed as a  
 7 deduction an amount equal to the amount paid during the  
 8 taxable year for personal safety clothing (including hel-  
 9 mets and boots) designed for use, and to be used by such  
 10 individual, in performing fire fighting services for such de-  
 11 partment.”.

12 (b) DEDUCTION ALLOWED WHETHER OR NOT TAX-  
 13 PAYER ITEMIZES OTHER DEDUCTIONS.—Subsection (a)  
 14 of section 62 of such Code is amended by inserting before  
 15 the last sentence thereof the following new paragraph:

16 “(22) PERSONAL SAFETY CLOTHING OF VOLUN-  
 17 TEER FIREFIGHTERS.—The deduction allowed by  
 18 section 224.”.

19 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 20 for such part VII is amended by striking the last item  
 21 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 224. Personal safety clothing of volunteer firefighters.  
 “Sec. 225. Cross reference.”.

1       (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
3 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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