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H. R. 3919

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the designation of Clean Energy Business Zones and for tax incentives for the construction of, and employment at, energy-efficient buildings and clean energy facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2009

Mr. Maffei (for himself, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Bartlett, and Mr. Thompson of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

- To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the designation of Clean Energy Business Zones and for tax incentives for the construction of, and employment at, energy-efficient buildings and clean energy facilities, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

| 1 | SECTION 1 | SHORT TITLE | |
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| | SECTION | SHORT TITLE | |

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Clean Energy Business
- 3 Zone Act of 2009" and as the "Clean Energy Empower-
- 4 ment Zone Act of 2009".
- 5 SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS ZONES
- 6 AND TAX INCENTIVES WITH RESPECT TO
- 7 SUCH ZONES.
- 8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of the Internal Rev-
- 9 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
- 10 following new subchapter:

11 "Subchapter Z—Clean Energy Business Zones

"PART I. DESIGNATION.

"PART II. TAX BENEFITS.

12 "PART I—DESIGNATION

"Sec. 1400V-1. Designation of Clean Energy Business Zones.

- 13 "SEC. 1400V-1. DESIGNATION OF CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS
- 14 ZONES.
- 15 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may designate 40
- 16 clean energy business zones.
- 17 "(b) Consultation.—In designating such zones, the
- 18 Secretary shall consult with—
- "(1) the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
- velopment in the case of urban areas, and
- 21 "(2) the Secretary of Agriculture in the case of
- 22 rural areas.

- 1 "(c) Designation Criteria.—In designating such
- 2 zones, the Secretary shall consider the following factors:
- 3 "(1) Whether the area already has a clean en-
- 4 ergy infrastructure or otherwise has a deteriorating
- 5 conventional energy infrastructure.
- 6 "(2) Whether the area is reliant on carbon-in-
- 7 tensive industries and, consequently, job loss is an-
- 8 ticipated due to the transition to a clean energy
- 9 economy.
- "(3) Whether the area is home to business sec-
- tors that could complement new clean energy indus-
- tries.
- "(4) Whether the area has other environmental
- or economic conditions conducive to the establish-
- ment of facilities relating to the manufacture or re-
- search of clean energy or clean energy technologies,
- including the components used in such manufacture
- or research and the production of clean energy.
- 19 "(d) Size.—An area may be designated as a Clean
- 20 Energy Business Zone only if it meets the requirements
- 21 of section 1392(a)(3).
- 22 "(e) Period Designations May Be Made.—A des-
- 23 ignation may be made under subsection (a) only after
- 24 2009 and before 2012.

| 1 | "(f) Period for Which Designation Is in Ef- |
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| 2 | FECT.—Any designation under this section shall remain |
| 3 | in effect during the period beginning on the date of the |
| 4 | designation and ending on the close of the 10th calendar |
| 5 | year beginning on or after such date of designation. |
| 6 | "PART 1—TAX BENEFITS |
| | "Sec. 1400V-2. Tax benefits for clean energy business zones. |
| 7 | "SEC. 1400V-2. TAX BENEFITS FOR CLEAN ENERGY BUSI- |
| 8 | NESS ZONES. |
| 9 | "(a) Wage Credit.—For purposes of section |
| 10 | 1396— |
| 11 | "(1) In general.—Subject to the modifica- |
| 12 | tions in paragraph (2), a Clean Energy Business |
| 13 | Zone shall be treated as an empowerment zone. |
| 14 | "(2) Modifications.—In applying section |
| 15 | 1396 with respect to Clean Energy Business |
| 16 | Zones— |
| 17 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of quali- |
| 18 | fied wages— |
| 19 | "(i) subsection (b) thereof shall be ap- |
| 20 | plied by substituting '30 percent' for '20 |
| 21 | percent', and |
| 22 | "(ii) subsection (c) thereof shall be |
| 23 | applied by substituting '\$20,000' for |
| 24 | '\$15,000' each place it appears. |

| 1 | "(B) QUALIFIED WAGES.—For purposes of |
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| 2 | subparagraph (A), the term 'qualified wages' |
| 3 | means qualified zone wages (as defined in sec- |
| 4 | tion 1396(c)) for services performed by the em- |
| 5 | ployee— |
| 6 | "(i) in the construction of any quali- |
| 7 | fied Green building, or |
| 8 | "(ii) in any qualified clean energy fa- |
| 9 | cility. |
| 10 | "(C) COORDINATION WITH BASIC CRED- |
| 11 | IT.—The $$15,000$ amount in section $1396(c)(2)$ |
| 12 | (without regard to this subsection) shall be re- |
| 13 | duced for any calendar year by the amount of |
| 14 | wages paid or incurred during such year which |
| 15 | are taken into account in determining the credit |
| 16 | under this subsection. |
| 17 | "(3) Credit to be refundable.—So much |
| 18 | of the credit allowable by section 1396 solely by rea- |
| 19 | son of this subsection shall be treated as allowed |
| 20 | under subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of this |
| 21 | chapter. |
| 22 | "(b) Expansion of Work Opportunity Credit.— |
| 23 | "(1) In general.—For purposes of section 51, |
| 24 | a Clean Energy Business Zone employee shall be |
| 25 | treated as a member of a targeted group. |

| 1 | "(2) Clean energy business zone business |
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| 2 | EMPLOYEE.—For purposes of this subsection— |
| 3 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'Clean En- |
| 4 | ergy Business Zone employee' means, with re- |
| 5 | spect to any period, any employee of a Clean |
| 6 | Energy Business Zone business if— |
| 7 | "(i) the principal place of abode of |
| 8 | such employee during such period is within |
| 9 | a Clean Energy Business Zone, |
| 10 | "(ii) substantially all the services per- |
| 11 | formed during such period by such em- |
| 12 | ployee for such business are performed— |
| 13 | "(I) in the construction of any |
| 14 | qualified Green energy building, or |
| 15 | "(II) in a qualified clean energy |
| 16 | facility, and |
| 17 | "(iii) such employee had been em- |
| 18 | ployed in a carbon-intensive business at |
| 19 | any time during the 1-year period ending |
| 20 | on the date that the individual was first |
| 21 | hired by the employer. |
| 22 | "(B) Clean energy business zone |
| 23 | BUSINESS.—The term 'Clean Energy Business |
| 24 | Zone business' means any trade or business— |

| 1 | "(i) which is located in a Clean En- |
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| 2 | ergy Business Zone, and |
| 3 | "(ii) at least 15 percent of the em- |
| 4 | ployees of which are residents of a Clean |
| 5 | Energy Business Zone. |
| 6 | "(C) Special rules for determining |
| 7 | AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—For purposes of applying |
| 8 | subpart F of part IV of subchapter A of this |
| 9 | chapter to wages paid or incurred to any Clean |
| 10 | Energy Business Zone business employee— |
| 11 | "(i) subsections $(c)(4)$ and $(i)(2)$ of |
| 12 | section 51 shall not apply, and |
| 13 | "(ii) in determining qualified wages, |
| 14 | the following shall apply in lieu of section |
| 15 | 51(b): |
| 16 | "(I) QUALIFIED WAGES.—The |
| 17 | term 'qualified wages' means wages |
| 18 | paid or incurred by the employer to |
| 19 | individuals who are Clean Energy |
| 20 | Business Zone business employees of |
| 21 | such employer for work performed |
| 22 | during calendar year 2010. |
| 23 | ((II) Only first \$12,000 of |
| 24 | WAGES PER CALENDAR YEAR TAKEN |
| 25 | INTO ACCOUNT.—The amount of the |

| 1 | qualified wages which may be taken |
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| 2 | into account with respect to any indi- |
| 3 | vidual shall not exceed \$12,000 per |
| 4 | calendar year. |
| 5 | "(c) Clean Renewable Energy Bonds.— |
| 6 | "(1) In general.—For purposes of section |
| 7 | 54(c)(2), the term 'qualified facility' includes— |
| 8 | "(A) any qualified Green building, and |
| 9 | "(B) any qualified clean energy facility. |
| 10 | "(2) Extension.—In the case of bonds which |
| 11 | are clean renewable energy bonds under section 54 |
| 12 | solely by reason of this subsection, section 54(m) |
| 13 | shall be applied by substituting 'December 31, 2020' |
| 14 | for 'December 31, 2009'. |
| 15 | "(d) Increased Expensing Under Section |
| 16 | 179.— |
| 17 | "(1) In general.—For purposes of section |
| 18 | 179, the dollar amount in effect under section |
| 19 | 179(b)(1) for the taxable year shall be increased by |
| 20 | the lesser of— |
| 21 | "(A) \$250,000, or |
| 22 | "(B) the cost of qualified section 179 |
| 23 | Clean Energy Business Zone property placed in |
| 24 | service during the taxable year. |

| 1 | "(2) Qualified section 179 clean energy |
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| 2 | BUSINESS ZONE PROPERTY.—For purposes of this |
| 3 | subsection— |
| 4 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified |
| 5 | section 179 Clean Energy Business Zone prop- |
| 6 | erty' means section 179 property (as defined in |
| 7 | section 179(d))— |
| 8 | "(i) which is described in section |
| 9 | 168(k)(2)(A)(i) or which is nonresidential |
| 10 | real property or residential rental property, |
| 11 | "(ii) substantially all of the use of |
| 12 | which is in— |
| 13 | "(I) a qualified Green building or |
| 14 | a qualified clean energy facility, and |
| 15 | "(II) the active conduct of a |
| 16 | trade or business by the taxpayer in |
| 17 | such Zone, |
| 18 | "(iii) the original use of which in the |
| 19 | Clean Energy Business Zone commences |
| 20 | with the taxpayer on or after the date of |
| 21 | the enactment of this section, |
| 22 | "(iv) which is acquired by the tax- |
| 23 | payer by purchase (as defined in section |
| 24 | 179(d)) on or after such date, but only if |

| 1 | no written binding contract for the acquisi- |
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| 2 | tion was in effect before such date, and |
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| 3 | "(v) which is placed in service by the |
| 4 | taxpayer during the 2-year period begin- |
| 5 | ning on such date (during the 3-year pe- |
| 6 | riod beginning on such date, in the case of |
| 7 | nonresidential real property and residential |
| 8 | rental property). |
| 9 | "(B) Exceptions.— |
| 10 | "(i) Alternative depreciation |
| 11 | PROPERTY.—Such term shall not include |
| 12 | any property described in section |
| 13 | 168(k)(2)(D)(i). |
| 14 | "(ii) Tax-exempt bond-financed |
| 15 | PROPERTY.—Such term shall not include |
| 16 | any property any portion of which is fi- |
| 17 | nanced with the proceeds of any obligation |
| 18 | the interest on which is exempt from tax |
| 19 | under section 103. |
| 20 | "(iii) Election out.—If a taxpayer |
| 21 | makes an election under this clause with |
| 22 | respect to any class of property for any |
| 23 | taxable year, this subsection shall not |
| 24 | apply to all property in such class placed |
| 25 | in service during such taxable year. |

| 1 | "(3) Special rules.—For purposes of this |
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| 2 | subsection, rules similar to the rules of subpara- |
| 3 | graph (E) of section 168(k)(2) shall apply, except |
| 4 | that such subparagraph shall be applied— |
| 5 | "(A) without regard to 'and before Janu- |
| 6 | ary 1, 2010' in clause (i) thereof, and |
| 7 | "(B) by substituting 'qualified Clean En- |
| 8 | ergy Business Zone property' for 'qualified |
| 9 | property' in clause (iv) thereof. |
| 10 | "(4) Allowance against alternative min- |
| 11 | IMUM TAX.—For purposes of this subsection, rules |
| 12 | similar to the rules of section 168(k)(2)(G) shall |
| 13 | apply. |
| 14 | "(5) Recapture.—For purposes of this sub- |
| 15 | section, rules similar to the rules under section |
| 16 | 179(d)(10) shall apply with respect to any qualified |
| 17 | section 179 Clean Energy Business Zone property |
| 18 | which ceases to be qualified section 179 Clean En- |
| 19 | ergy Business Zone property. |
| 20 | "(e) Exclusion of Capital Gain on Stock in |
| 21 | Qualified Businesses.— |
| 22 | "(1) In general.—Gross income shall not in- |
| 23 | clude qualified capital gain from the sale or ex- |
| 24 | change of any Clean Energy Business Zone asset |
| 25 | held for more than 5 years. |

| 1 | "(2) Clean energy business zone asset.— |
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| 2 | For purposes of this subsection— |
| 3 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'Clean En- |
| 4 | ergy Business Zone asset' means— |
| 5 | "(i) any Clean Energy Business Zone |
| 6 | business stock, |
| 7 | "(ii) any Clean Energy Business Zone |
| 8 | partnership interest, and |
| 9 | "(iii) any Clean Energy Business |
| 10 | Zone business property. |
| 11 | "(B) CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS ZONE |
| 12 | BUSINESS STOCK.— |
| 13 | "(i) In General.—The term 'Clean |
| 14 | Energy Business Zone business stock' |
| 15 | means any stock in a domestic corporation |
| 16 | which is originally issued after the date of |
| 17 | the enactment of this section if— |
| 18 | "(I) such stock is acquired by the |
| 19 | taxpayer, before January 1, 2013, at |
| 20 | its original issue (directly or through |
| 21 | an underwriter) solely in exchange for |
| 22 | eash, |
| 23 | "(II) as of the time such stock |
| 24 | was issued, such corporation was a |
| 25 | Clean Energy Business Zone business |

| 1 | (or, in the case of a new corporation, |
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| 2 | such corporation was being organized |
| 3 | for purposes of being a Clean Energy |
| 4 | Business Zone business), and |
| 5 | "(III) during substantially all of |
| 6 | the taxpayer's holding period for such |
| 7 | stock, such corporation qualified as a |
| 8 | Clean Energy Business Zone business. |
| 9 | "(ii) Redemptions.—A rule similar |
| 10 | to the rule of section $1202(c)(3)$ shall |
| 11 | apply for purposes of this paragraph. |
| 12 | "(C) CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS ZONE |
| 13 | PARTNERSHIP INTEREST.—The term 'Clean |
| 14 | Energy Business Zone partnership interest' |
| 15 | means any capital or profits interest in a do- |
| 16 | mestic partnership which is originally issued |
| 17 | after the date of the enactment of this section |
| 18 | if— |
| 19 | "(i) such interest is acquired by the |
| 20 | taxpayer, before January 1, 2013, from |
| 21 | the partnership solely in exchange for cash, |
| 22 | "(ii) as of the time such interest was |
| 23 | acquired, such partnership was a Clean |
| 24 | Energy Business Zone business (or, in the |
| 25 | case of a new partnership, such partner- |

| 1 | ship was being organized for purposes of |
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| 2 | being a Clean Energy Business Zone busi- |
| 3 | ness), and |
| 4 | "(iii) during substantially all of the |
| 5 | taxpayer's holding period for such interest, |
| 6 | such partnership qualified as a Clean En- |
| 7 | ergy Business Zone business. |
| 8 | A rule similar to the rule of subparagraph |
| 9 | (B)(ii) shall apply for purposes of this subpara- |
| 10 | graph. |
| 11 | "(D) CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS ZONE |
| 12 | BUSINESS PROPERTY.— |
| 13 | "(i) IN GENERAL.—The term 'Clean |
| 14 | Energy Business Zone business property' |
| 15 | means property which is a qualified Green |
| 16 | building if— |
| 17 | "(I) such property was acquired |
| 18 | by the taxpayer by purchase (as de- |
| 19 | fined in section $179(d)(2)$ after the |
| 20 | date of the enactment of this section |
| 21 | and before January 1, 2013, |
| 22 | "(II) the original use of such |
| 23 | property in the Clean Energy Busi- |
| 24 | ness Zone commences with the tax- |
| 25 | payer, and |

| 1 | "(III) during substantially all of |
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| 2 | the taxpayer's holding period for such |
| 3 | property, substantially all of the use |
| 4 | of such property was in a Clean En- |
| 5 | ergy Business Zone business of the |
| 6 | taxpayer. |
| 7 | "(ii) Special rule for buildings |
| 8 | WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED.— |
| 9 | "(I) In general.—The require- |
| 10 | ments of subclauses (I) and (II) of |
| 11 | clause (i) shall be treated as met with |
| 12 | respect to— |
| 13 | "(aa) property which is sub- |
| 14 | stantially improved by the tax- |
| 15 | payer before January 1, 2013, |
| 16 | and |
| 17 | "(bb) any land on which |
| 18 | such property is located. |
| 19 | "(II) Substantial improve- |
| 20 | MENT.—For purposes of subclause |
| 21 | (I), property shall be treated as sub- |
| 22 | stantially improved by the taxpayer |
| 23 | only if, during any 24-month period |
| 24 | beginning after December 31, 1997, |
| 25 | additions to basis with respect to such |

property in the hands of the taxpayer
exceed the greater of \$5,000 or an
amount equal to the adjusted basis of
such property at the beginning of
such 24-month period in the hands of
the taxpayer.

"(E) TREATMENT OF CLEAN ENERGY

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 BUSINESS ZONE TERMINATION.—The termination of the designation of the Clean Energy
 Business Zone shall be disregarded for purposes
 of determining whether any property is a Clean
 Energy Business Zone asset.
- "(F) TREATMENT OF SUBSEQUENT PURCHASERS, ETC.—The term 'Clean Energy Business Zone asset' includes any property which would be a Clean Energy Business Zone asset but for subparagraph (B)(i)(I), (C)(i), or (D)(i) (I) or (II) in the hands of the taxpayer if such property was a Clean Energy Business Zone asset in the hands of a prior holder.
- "(G) 5-YEAR SAFE HARBOR.—If any property ceases to be a Clean Energy Business Zone asset by reason of subparagraph (B)(i)(III), (C)(iii), or (D)(i)(III) after the 5-year period beginning on the date the taxpayer acquired

| 1 | such property, such property shall continue to |
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| 2 | be treated as meeting the requirements of such |
| 3 | paragraph; except that the amount of gain to |
| 4 | which paragraph (1) applies on any sale or ex- |
| 5 | change of such property shall not exceed the |
| 6 | amount which would be qualified capital gain |
| 7 | had such property been sold on the date of such |
| 8 | cessation. |
| 9 | "(3) Clean energy business zone busi- |
| 10 | NESS.—For purposes of this subsection, the term |
| 11 | 'Clean Energy Business Zone business' means any |
| 12 | trade or business if— |
| 13 | "(A) all buildings located in any Clean En- |
| 14 | ergy Business Zone which are owned or occu- |
| 15 | pied by such trade or business are qualified |
| 16 | Green buildings or qualified clean energy facili- |
| 17 | ties, and |
| 18 | "(B) such business would be an enterprise |
| 19 | zone business (as defined in section 1397C) de- |
| 20 | termined— |
| 21 | "(i) by substituting '80 percent' for |
| 22 | '50 percent' in subsections (b)(2) and |
| 23 | (e)(1) of section 1397C, |

| 1 | "(ii) by substituting '15 percent' for |
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| 2 | '35 percent' in subsections (b)(6) and |
| 3 | (e)(5) of section 1397C, and |
| 4 | "(iii) by treating no area other than |
| 5 | the Clean Energy Business Zone as an em- |
| 6 | powerment zone or enterprise community. |
| 7 | "(4) OTHER DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL |
| 8 | RULES.— |
| 9 | "(A) QUALIFIED CAPITAL GAIN.—Except |
| 10 | as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the |
| 11 | term 'qualified capital gain' means any gain |
| 12 | recognized on the sale or exchange of— |
| 13 | "(i) a capital asset, or |
| 14 | "(ii) property used in the trade or |
| 15 | business (as defined in section 1231(b). |
| 16 | "(B) Gain before enactment or after |
| 17 | 2012 NOT QUALIFIED.—The term 'qualified cap- |
| 18 | ital gain' shall not include any gain attributable |
| 19 | to periods before the date of the enactment of |
| 20 | this section or after December 31, 2012. |
| 21 | "(C) CERTAIN GAIN NOT QUALIFIED.—The |
| 22 | term 'qualified capital gain' shall not include |
| 23 | any gain which would be treated as ordinary in- |
| 24 | come under section 1245 or under section 1250 |

1 if section 1250 applied to all depreciation rath-2 er than the additional depreciation.

- "(D) Intangibles and land not integral part of clean energy business zone business.—The term 'qualified capital gain' shall not include any gain which is attributable to real property, or an intangible asset, which is not an integral part of a Clean Energy Business Zone business.
- "(E) Related Party Transactions.—
 The term 'qualified capital gain' shall not include any gain attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to a transaction with a related person. For purposes of this paragraph, persons are related to each other if such persons are described in section 267(b) or 707(b)(1).
- "(5) CERTAIN RULES TO APPLY.—Rules similar to the rules of subsections (g), (h), (i)(2), and (j) of section 1202 shall apply for purposes of this subsection.
- "(6) Sales and exchanges of interests in Partnerships and 8 corporations which are Clean energy business zone businesses.—In the case of the sale or exchange of an interest in a

| 1 | partnership, or of stock in an S corporation, which |
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| 2 | was a Clean Energy Business Zone business during |
| 3 | substantially all of the period the taxpayer held such |
| 4 | interest or stock, the amount of qualified capital |
| 5 | gain shall be determined without regard to— |
| 6 | "(A) any gain which is attributable to real |
| 7 | property, or an intangible asset, which is not an |
| 8 | integral part of a Clean Energy Business Zone |
| 9 | business, and |
| 10 | "(B) any gain attributable to periods be- |
| 11 | fore the date of the enactment of this section or |
| 12 | after December 31, 2012. |
| 13 | "(f) Expensing of Portion of Cost of Quali- |
| 14 | FIED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITIES.— |
| 15 | "(1) In general.—A taxpayer may elect to |
| 16 | treat the cost of any qualified clean energy facility |
| 17 | property as an expense which is not chargeable to |
| 18 | capital account. Any cost so treated shall be allowed |
| 19 | as a deduction for the taxable year in which the |
| 20 | property is placed in service. |
| 21 | "(2) Maximum amount of deduction.— |
| 22 | "(A) In general.—The deduction under |
| 23 | paragraph (1) for any taxable year shall not ex- |
| 24 | ceed \$1.000.000. |

| 1 | "(B) Deduction allowed for only 5 |
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| 2 | YEARS.—A deduction shall be allowed under |
| 3 | this paragraph for any qualified clean energy |
| 4 | facility property only for the taxable year dur- |
| 5 | ing which the qualified clean energy facility is |
| 6 | placed in service and for the first 4 taxable |
| 7 | years thereafter. |
| 8 | "(3) Qualified clean energy facility |
| 9 | PROPERTY.—For purposes of this subsection, the |
| 10 | term 'qualified clean energy facility property' means |
| 11 | any property— |
| 12 | "(A) with respect to which depreciation (or |
| 13 | amortization in lieu of depreciation) is allow- |
| 14 | able, and |
| 15 | "(B) which is installed on or in any quali- |
| 16 | fied clean energy facility. |
| 17 | "(4) Basis reduction.—For purposes of this |
| 18 | subtitle, if a deduction is allowed under this sub- |
| 19 | section with respect to any qualified clean energy fa- |
| 20 | cility property, the basis of such property shall be |
| 21 | reduced by the amount of the deduction so allowed. |
| 22 | "(5) Termination.—This subsection shall not |
| 23 | apply to property placed in service after December |
| 24 | 31, 2012. |
| 25 | "(g) Definitions.—For purposes of this section— |

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"(1) Qualified green building.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified Green building' means any building which is located in a Clean Energy Business Zone and which meets the standards prescribed by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under subparagraph (B) for such building.

"(B) STANDARDS.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall develop and implement, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, standards for a national energy and environmental building retrofit policy for single-family and multifamily residences. The Administrator shall develop and implement, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy and the Director of Commercial High-Performance Green Buildings, standards for a national energy and environmental building retrofit policy for nonresidential buildings. The programs to implement the residential and nonresidential policies based on the standards developed under this subparagraph shall together be known as the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program.

| 1 | "(2) Qualified clean energy facility.— |
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| 2 | The term 'qualified clean energy facility' means any |
| 3 | facility which is located in a Clean Energy Business |
| 4 | Zone and which relates to the manufacture or re- |
| 5 | search of clean energy or clean energy technologies, |
| 6 | including the components used in such manufacture |
| 7 | or research and the production of clean energy.". |
| 8 | (b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sub- |
| 9 | chapters for chapter 1 of such Code is amended by adding |
| 10 | at the end the following new item: |
| | "SUBCHAPTER Z. CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS ZONES.". |
| 11 | (e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by |
| 12 | this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the |
| 13 | date of the enactment of this Act. |
| 14 | SEC. 3. WAIVER OF SBA LOAN FEES. |
| 15 | (a) Section 7(a) Loans.—Paragraph (18) section |
| 16 | 7(a) of the Small Business Act is amended by adding at |
| 17 | the end the following new subparagraph: |
| 18 | "(C) NO FEE PERMITTED FOR CLEAN EN- |
| 19 | ERGY CONSTRUCTION LOANS.—No fee may be |
| 20 | imposed under this paragraph with respect to |
| 21 | any loan made before January 1, 2020, for the |
| 22 | construction of any qualified Green building (as |
| 23 | defined in section 1400V–2(g) of the Internal |
| 24 | Revenue Code of 1986) or any qualified clean |

energy facility (as defined in such section).".

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- 1 (b) Section 504 Loans.—Paragraph (2) of section
- 2 503(d) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 is
- 3 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:
- 4 "No fee may be imposed under this paragraph with re-
- 5 spect to any loan made before January 1, 2020, for the
- 6 construction of any qualified Green building (as defined
- 7 in section 1400V-2(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 8 1986) or any qualified clean energy facility (as defined
- 9 in such section)."

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