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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to loans made from a qualified employer plan, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. NELSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Shrinking Emergency
5 Account Losses Act of 2015” or the “SEAL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDED ROLLOVER PERIOD FOR THE ROLLOVER**
 2 **OF PLAN LOAN OFFSET AMOUNTS IN CER-**
 3 **TAIN CASES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 402(c)
 5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by add-
 6 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

7 “(C) ROLLOVER OF CERTAIN PLAN LOAN
 8 OFFSET AMOUNTS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
 10 qualified plan loan offset amount, para-
 11 graph (1) shall not apply to any transfer
 12 of such amount made after the due date
 13 (including extensions) for filing the return
 14 of tax for the taxable year in which such
 15 amount is treated as distributed from a
 16 qualified employer plan.

17 “(ii) QUALIFIED PLAN LOAN OFFSET
 18 AMOUNT.—For purposes of this subpara-
 19 graph, the term ‘qualified plan loan offset
 20 amount’ means a plan loan offset amount
 21 which is treated as distributed from a
 22 qualified employer plan to a participant or
 23 beneficiary solely by reason of—

24 “(I) the termination of the quali-
 25 fied employer plan, or

1 “(II) the failure to meet the re-
 2 payment terms of the loan from such
 3 plan because of the severance from
 4 employment of the participant.

5 “(iii) PLAN LOAN OFFSET AMOUNT.—
 6 For purposes of clause (ii), the term ‘plan
 7 loan offset amount’ means the amount by
 8 which the participant’s accrued benefit
 9 under the plan is reduced in order to repay
 10 a loan from the plan.

11 “(iv) LIMITATION.—This subpara-
 12 graph shall not apply to any plan loan off-
 13 set amount unless such plan loan offset
 14 amount relates to a loan to which section
 15 72(p)(1) does not apply by reason of sec-
 16 tion 72(p)(2).

17 “(v) QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PLAN.—
 18 For purposes of this subsection, the term
 19 ‘qualified employer plan’ has the meaning
 20 given such term by section 72(p)(4).”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (A)
 22 of section 402(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
 23 is amended by striking “subparagraph (B)” and inserting
 24 “subparagraphs (B) and (C)”.

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

4 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF RULES GOVERNING HARDSHIP**
 5 **DISTRIBUTIONS.**

6 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
 7 of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall modify
 8 Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)–1(d)(3)(iv)(E) to—
 9 (1) delete the prohibition imposed by paragraph
 10 (2) thereof, and
 11 (2) to make any other modifications necessary
 12 to carry out the purposes of section
 13 401(k)(2)(B)(i)(IV) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 14 1986.

15 **SEC. 4. QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PLANS PROHIBITED FROM**
 16 **MAKING LOANS THROUGH CREDIT CARDS**
 17 **AND OTHER SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 72(p) of
 19 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesign-
 20 ating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E) and by in-
 21 serting after subparagraph (C) the following new subpara-
 22 graph:

23 “(D) PROHIBITION OF LOANS THROUGH
 24 CREDIT CARDS AND OTHER SIMILAR ARRANGE-
 25 MENTS.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to

1 any loan which is made through the use of any
2 credit card or any other similar arrangement.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after the
5 date which is 60 days after the date of the enactment of
6 this Act.

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