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H. R. 2836

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for hurricane and tornado mitigation expenditures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. CRIST) 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 “Strengthening Homes
5 and Eliminating Liabilities Through Encouraging Readiness
6 Act” or the “SHELTER Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. NONREFUNDABLE PERSONAL CREDIT FOR HURRI-**
8 **CANE AND TORNADO MITIGATION PROPERTY.**

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

1 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the fol-
 2 lowing new section:

3 **“SEC. 25E. HURRICANE AND TORNADO MITIGATION PROP-**
 4 **ERTY.**

5 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an in-
 6 dividual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
 7 imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount
 8 equal to 25 percent of the qualified hurricane and tornado
 9 mitigation property expenditures made by the taxpayer
 10 during such taxable year.

11 “(b) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—The credit allowed under
 12 subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed
 13 \$5,000.

14 “(c) QUALIFIED HURRICANE AND TORNADO MITIGA-
 15 TION EXPENDITURE.—For purposes of this section—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified hurri-
 17 cane and tornado mitigation property expenditure’
 18 means an expenditure for property—

19 “(A) to improve the strength of a roof
 20 deck attachment,

21 “(B) to create a secondary water barrier to
 22 prevent water intrusion,

23 “(C) to improve the durability of a roof
 24 covering,

25 “(D) to brace gable-end walls,

1 “(E) to reinforce the connection between a
2 roof and supporting wall,

3 “(F) to protect openings from penetration
4 by windborne debris, or

5 “(G) to protect exterior doors and garages,
6 in a qualified dwelling unit located in the United
7 States and owned by the taxpayer.

8 “(2) QUALIFIED DWELLING UNIT.—The term
9 ‘qualified dwelling unit’ means a dwelling unit that
10 is assessed at a value that is less than \$1,000,000
11 by the locality in which such dwelling unit is located
12 and with respect to the taxable year for which the
13 credit described in subsection (a) is allowed.

14 “(d) LIMITATION.—An expenditure shall be taken
15 into account in determining the qualified hurricane and
16 tornado mitigation property expenditures made by the tax-
17 payer during the taxable year only if the onsite prepara-
18 tion, assembly, or original installation of the property with
19 respect to which such expenditure is made has been com-
20 pleted in a manner that is deemed to be adequate by a
21 State-certified inspector.

22 “(e) LABOR COSTS.—For purposes of this section,
23 expenditures for labor costs properly allocable to the onsite
24 preparation, assembly, or original installation of the prop-
25 erty described in subsection (c) shall be taken into account

1 in determining the qualified hurricane and tornado mitiga-
 2 tion property expenditures made by the taxpayer during
 3 the taxable year.

4 “(f) INSPECTION COSTS.—For purposes of this sec-
 5 tion, expenditures for inspection costs properly allocable
 6 to the inspection of the preparation, assembly, or installa-
 7 tion of the property described in subsection (c) shall be
 8 taken into account in determining the qualified hurricane
 9 and tornado mitigation property expenditures made by the
 10 taxpayer during the taxable year.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 12 tions for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter
 13 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item
 14 relating to section 25D the following new item:

“Sec. 25E. Hurricane and tornado mitigation property.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 17 December 31, 2016.

18 **SEC. 3. BUSINESS-RELATED CREDIT FOR HURRICANE AND**
 19 **TORNADO MITIGATION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
 21 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
 22 1986 is amended by inserting after section 45R the fol-
 23 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 45S. HURRICANE AND TORNADO MITIGATION CRED-**
2 **IT.**

3 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38,
4 the hurricane and tornado mitigation credit determined
5 under this section for any taxable year is an amount equal
6 to 25 percent of the qualified hurricane and tornado miti-
7 gation property expenditures made by the taxpayer during
8 the taxable year.

9 “(b) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—The amount of the credit
10 determined under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall
11 not exceed \$5,000.

12 “(c) QUALIFIED HURRICANE AND TORNADO MITIGA-
13 TION EXPENDITURE.—For purposes of this section—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified hurri-
15 cane and tornado mitigation property expenditure’
16 means an expenditure for property—

17 “(A) to improve the strength of a roof
18 deck attachment,

19 “(B) to create a secondary water barrier to
20 prevent water intrusion,

21 “(C) to improve the durability of a roof
22 covering,

23 “(D) to brace gable-end walls,

24 “(E) to reinforce the connection between a
25 roof and supporting wall,

1 “(F) to protect openings from penetration
2 by windborne debris, or

3 “(G) to protect exterior doors and garages,
4 in a qualified place of business located in the United
5 States and owned by the taxpayer.

6 “(2) QUALIFIED PLACE OF BUSINESS.—The
7 term ‘qualified place of business’ means a place of
8 business that is assessed at a value that is less than
9 \$5,000,000 by the locality in which such business is
10 located and with respect to the taxable year for
11 which the credit described in subsection (a) is al-
12 lowed.

13 “(d) LIMITATION.—An expenditure shall be taken
14 into account in determining the qualified hurricane and
15 tornado mitigation property expenditures made by the tax-
16 payer during the taxable year only if the onsite prepara-
17 tion, assembly, or original installation of the property with
18 respect to which such expenditure is made has been com-
19 pleted in a manner that is deemed to be adequate by a
20 State-certified inspector.

21 “(e) LABOR COSTS.—For purposes of this section,
22 expenditures for labor costs properly allocable to the onsite
23 preparation, assembly, or original installation of the prop-
24 erty described in subsection (c) shall be taken into account
25 in determining the qualified hurricane and tornado mitiga-

tion property expenditures made by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

“(f) INSPECTION COSTS.—For purposes of this section, expenditures for inspection costs properly allocable to the inspection of the preparation, assembly, or installation of the property described in subsection (c) shall be taken into account in determining the qualified hurricane and tornado mitigation property expenditures made by the taxpayer during the taxable year.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 38(b) of such Code is amended by striking “plus” at the end of paragraph (35), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (36) and inserting “, plus”, and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(37) the hurricane and tornado mitigation credit determined under section 45S(a).”.

(2) The table of sections for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 45R the following new item:

“Sec. 45S. Hurricane and tornado mitigation credit.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.