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H. R. 5372

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain provisions of Public Law 115–97, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2018

Mr. MITCHELL 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 “Tax Cuts and Jobs
5 Middle Class Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF 2018 BONUSES FROM GROSS IN-**
7 **COME.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Gross income shall not include
9 amounts received by an individual as a bonus after Decem-
10 ber 22, 2017, and before January 1, 2019.

1 (b) LIMITATION.—The amount of gain excluded from
 2 gross income under subsection (a) with respect to an indi-
 3 vidual shall not exceed \$5,000.

4 (c) BONUS DEFINED.—For purposes of this section,
 5 the term “bonus” means amounts paid to an employee
 6 other than amounts obligated under an employment con-
 7 tract.

8 **SEC. 3. CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 115–97 MADE**
 9 **PERMANENT.**

10 Any provision of subtitle A or B of Public Law 115–
 11 97, or any amendment made by such a provision, that ter-
 12 minates on December 31, 2025, shall not terminate on
 13 such date.

14 **SEC. 4. INCREASE IN STANDARD DEDUCTION.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 63(c)(7) of the Internal
 16 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
 18 the end of clause (i), by striking “\$12,000” in
 19 clause (ii) and inserting “\$13,000”, by striking the
 20 period at the end of clause (ii) and inserting “,
 21 and”, and by adding at the end the following new
 22 clause:

23 “(iii) by substituting ‘\$26,000’ for
 24 ‘200 percent of the dollar amount in effect

1 under subparagraph (C) for the taxable
 2 year’ ”, and

3 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “the
 4 \$18,000 and \$12,000 amounts” and inserting “the
 5 dollar amounts”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 7 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
 8 ment of section 11021 of Public Law 115–97.

9 **SEC. 5. REDUCTION IN MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION**
 10 **FLOOR.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 213 of the Internal Rev-
 12 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “10 percent”
 14 and inserting “7.5 percent”, and

15 (2) by striking subsection (f).

16 (b) MINIMUM TAX PREFERENCE NOT TO APPLY.—
 17 Section 56(b)(1) is amended by striking subparagraph
 18 (B).

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
 21 ment of section 11027 of Public Law 115–97.

22 **SEC. 6. INCREASE IN REFUNDABLE PORTION OF THE**
 23 **CHILD TAX CREDIT.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24 of the Internal Rev-
 25 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (d)(1)(A), by inserting “, sub-
2 section (h)(4),” after “this subsection”, and

3 (2) in subsection (h), by striking paragraph (5)
4 and redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as para-
5 graph (5) and (6), respectively.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Paragraphs (1)
7 and (4)(C) of section 24(h) of the Internal Revenue Code
8 of 1986 are each amended by striking “(7)” and inserting
9 “(6)”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
12 ment of section 11022 of Public Law 115–97.

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