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H. R. 5479

To direct the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service to establish a special unit within the office of Stakeholder Partnership, Education and Communication to provide members of the uniformed services with tax assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2018

Mr. WALZ (for himself and Mr. KIND) 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 “Military Taxpayer As-
5 sistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL UNIT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF STAKE-**
2 **HOLDER PARTNERSHIP, EDUCATION AND**
3 **COMMUNICATION TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF**
4 **THE UNIFORMED SERVICES WITH TAX AS-**
5 **SISTANCE.**

6 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Commissioner of the In-
7 ternal Revenue Service shall establish a special unit within
8 the office of Stakeholder Partnership, Education and
9 Communication in the Internal Revenue Service.

10 (b) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The unit established under
11 subsection (a) shall be responsible for developing and con-
12 ducting outreach, education, and assistance concerning
13 the tax issues applicable to members of the uniformed
14 services and the organizations that provide tax assistance
15 to these taxpayers.

16 (c) **STAFFING.**—To the extent possible, the unit es-
17 tablished under subsection (a) shall be staffed with vet-
18 erans.

19 (d) **FUNDING FOR VITA TRAINING OVERSEAS.**—The
20 Commissioner shall ensure that ample funding is allocated
21 to the unit established under subsection (a) to provide
22 face-to-face training for the military volunteers providing
23 income tax assistance in overseas locations.

1 **SEC. 3. OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNI-**
2 **FORMED SERVICES.**

3 (a) TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE.—The Commis-
4 sioner of the Internal Revenue Service shall establish and
5 maintain a toll-free telephone number for members of the
6 uniformed services and their families to answer tax law
7 and filing questions and to resolve their tax account and
8 compliance issues.

9 (b) WEBSITE.—The Commissioner shall ensure that
10 the information on the website of the Internal Revenue
11 Service relating to military taxpayers is current.

12 **SEC. 4. UNFORMED SERVICES.**

13 For purposes of this Act, the term “uniformed serv-
14 ices” has the meaning given such term by section
15 101(a)(5) of title 10, United States Code.

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