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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify reporting requirements, promote tax compliance, and reduce tip reporting compliance burdens in the beauty service industry.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Ms. DELBENE) 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 “Small Business Tax
5 Fairness and Compliance Simplification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF CREDIT FOR PORTION OF EM-**
 2 **PLOYER SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES PAID WITH**
 3 **RESPECT TO EMPLOYEE TIPS TO BEAUTY**
 4 **SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS.**

5 (a) EXTENSION OF TIP CREDIT TO BEAUTY SERVICE
 6 BUSINESS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 45B(b)(2) of such
 8 Code is amended to read as follows:

9 “(2) APPLICATION ONLY TO CERTAIN LINES OF
 10 BUSINESS.—In applying paragraph (1) there shall
 11 be taken into account only tips received from cus-
 12 tomers or clients in connection with the following
 13 services:

14 “(A) The providing, delivering, or serving
 15 of food or beverages for consumption, if the tip-
 16 ping of employees delivering or serving food or
 17 beverages by customers is customary.

18 “(B) The providing of beauty services to a
 19 customer or client if the tipping of employees
 20 providing such services is customary.”.

21 (2) BEAUTY SERVICE DEFINED.—Section 45B
 22 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the
 23 following new subsection:

24 “(e) BEAUTY SERVICE.—For purposes of this sec-
 25 tion, the term ‘beauty service’ means any of the following:

26 “(1) Barbering and hair care.

1 “(2) Nail care.

2 “(3) Esthetics.

3 “(4) Body and spa treatments.”.

4 (b) CREDIT DETERMINED WITH RESPECT TO MIN-
5 IMUM WAGE IN EFFECT.—Section 45B(b)(1)(B) of the
6 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “as in effect on January 1,
8 2007, and”; and

9 (2) by inserting “, and in the case of food or
10 beverage establishments, as in effect on January 1,
11 2007” after “without regard to section 3(m) of such
12 Act”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
15 December 31, 2018.

16 **SEC. 3. EMPLOYER TIP REPORTING SAFE HARBOR.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3121(q) of the Internal
18 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

19 (1) by striking so much as precedes “of this
20 chapter” and inserting the following:

21 “(q) TIPS INCLUDED FOR BOTH EMPLOYEE AND
22 EMPLOYER TAXES.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(2) TIP PROGRAM SAFE HARBOR.—In the case
2 of an employer who employs one or more employees
3 who receive tips in the course of such employment
4 which are considered remuneration for such employ-
5 ment under this section, no IRS tip examination
6 with respect to such employer shall be initiated (ex-
7 cept in the case of a tip examination of a current
8 or former employee) if the employer—

9 “(A) establishes an educational program
10 regarding applicable laws relating to proper re-
11 porting of tips received by employees for—

12 “(i) new employees, which shall in-
13 clude both verbal explanation and written
14 materials, and

15 “(ii) existing employees, which shall
16 be conducted quarterly,

17 “(B) establishes procedures for tipped em-
18 ployees to provide monthly reporting of cash
19 and charged services and related tip income of
20 at least \$20 under section 6053(a),

21 “(C) complies with all applicable Federal
22 tax law requirements applicable to employers
23 for purposes of filing returns, and collection
24 and payment of taxes imposed, with respect to
25 tip income received by employees, and

1 “(D) maintains employee records related
2 to—

3 “(i) contact information for such em-
4 ployees, and

5 “(ii) gross receipts from any services
6 subject to tipping, and charge receipts for
7 such services, for a period of not less than
8 4 calendar years after the calendar year to
9 which the records relate.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
12 December 31, 2018.

13 **SEC. 4. INFORMATION REPORTING OF INCOME FROM**
14 **SPACE RENTALS IN THE BEAUTY SERVICE IN-**
15 **DUSTRY.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part III of sub-
17 chapter A of chapter 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of
18 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new
19 section:

20 **“SEC. 6050Z. RETURNS RELATING TO INCOME FROM CER-**
21 **TAIN RENTALS OF SPACE IN THE BEAUTY**
22 **SERVICE INDUSTRY.**

23 “(a) REQUIREMENT OF REPORTING.—Any person
24 who, in the course of a trade or business and for any cal-
25 endar year, receives rental payments from two or more

1 individuals providing beauty services (as defined in section
2 45B(e)) aggregating \$600 or more each for the lease of
3 space to provide such services to third-party patrons shall
4 make the return described in subsection (b) with respect
5 to each person from whom such rent was so received at
6 such time as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe.

7 “(b) RETURN.—A return is described in this sub-
8 section if such return—

9 “(1) is in such form as the Secretary may pre-
10 scribe, and

11 “(2) contains—

12 “(A) the name, address, and TIN of each
13 person from whom a rental payment described
14 in subsection (a) was received during the cal-
15 endar year,

16 “(B) the aggregate amount of such pay-
17 ments received by such person during such cal-
18 endar year and the date and amount of each
19 such payment, and

20 “(C) such other information as the Sec-
21 retary may require.

22 “(c) STATEMENT TO BE FURNISHED TO PERSONS
23 WITH RESPECT TO WHOM INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Every person required to
25 make a return under subsection (a) shall furnish to

1 each person whose name is required to be set forth
 2 in such return a written statement showing—

3 “(A) the name, address, and phone num-
 4 ber of the information contact of the person re-
 5 quired to make such a return, and

6 “(B) the aggregate amount of payments to
 7 the person required to be shown on the return.

8 “(2) FURNISHING OF INFORMATION.—The
 9 written statement required under paragraph (1)
 10 shall be furnished to the person on or before Janu-
 11 ary 31 of the year following the calendar year for
 12 which the return under subsection (a) is required to
 13 be made.

14 “(d) REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary
 15 may prescribe such regulations and other guidance as may
 16 be appropriate or necessary to carry out the purpose of
 17 this subsection, including rules to prevent duplicative re-
 18 porting of transactions.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 20 for subchapter A of chapter 61 of such Code is amended
 21 by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 6050Z. Returns relating to income from certain rentals of space in the
 beauty service industry.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to payments made after December
3 31, 2018.

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