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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the application
of the net operating loss deduction.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26, 2019

Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Ms. SINEMA, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CORNYN, and
Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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the application of the net operating loss deduction.

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 “Net Operating Loss
5 Clarification Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE NET**
7 **OPERATING LOSS DEDUCTION.**

8 (a) CLARIFICATION OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF NET
9 OPERATING LOSS RULES.—Section 13302(e) of Public
10 Law 115–97 is amended—

1 (1) by striking all that follows “shall apply to”
 2 in paragraph (1) and inserting “taxable years to
 3 which losses arising in taxable years beginning after
 4 December 31, 2017, may be carried.”, and

5 (2) by striking “ending” in paragraph (2) and
 6 inserting “beginning”.

7 (b) CLARIFICATION OF NET OPERATING LOSS
 8 CARRYBACK FOR FARMING LOSSES AND CERTAIN INSUR-
 9 ANCE COMPANIES.—Section 172(b)(1)(A) of the Internal
 10 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

11 “(A) GENERAL RULE.—A net operating
 12 loss for any taxable year—

13 “(i) shall be a net operating loss
 14 carryback to the extent provided in sub-
 15 paragraphs (B) and (C)(i), and

16 “(ii) except as provided in subpara-
 17 graph (C)(ii), shall be a net operating loss
 18 carryover—

19 “(I) in the case of a net oper-
 20 ating loss arising in a taxable year be-
 21 ginning before January 1, 2018, to
 22 each of the 20 taxable years following
 23 the taxable year of the loss, and

24 “(II) in the case of a net oper-
 25 ating loss arising in a taxable year be-

1 ginning after December 31, 2017, to
 2 each taxable year following the tax-
 3 able year of the loss.”.

4 (c) CLARIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF TAX-
 5 ABLE INCOME.—Section 172(a)(2) of the Internal Rev-
 6 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “deduction al-
 7 lowable under this section” and inserting “deductions al-
 8 lowable under this section and sections 199A and 250”.

9 (d) CLARIFICATION OF ORDER AND METHOD OF NET
 10 OPERATING LOSS CALCULATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 172 of the Internal
 12 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating
 13 subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by inserting
 14 after subsection (f) the following new subsection:

15 “(g) SPECIAL RULE FOR LOSSES FROM TAXABLE
 16 YEARS BEGINNING BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018.—In the
 17 case of a taxable year (hereafter in this subsection referred
 18 to as the ‘current year’) to which is carried a net operating
 19 loss arising in a taxable year beginning before January
 20 1, 2018, the amount determined under subsection (a) for
 21 the current taxable year shall be an amount equal to the
 22 sum of—

23 “(1) the aggregate amount of such net oper-
 24 ating losses carried to the current taxable year, and

25 “(2) the lesser of—

“(A) the aggregate amount of net operating losses arising in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, which are carried to the current taxable year, or

“(B) 80 percent of the excess (if any) of—

“(i) taxable income computed without regard to the deductions allowable under this section and sections 199A and 250, over

“(ii) the amount determined under paragraph (1).”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 172(b)(2)(C) of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“(C) be reduced by 20 percent of taxable income computed under section (a)(2) for such prior taxable year (or if subsection (g) applies to such prior taxable year, 20 percent of the excess described in subsection (g)(2)(B) for such year).”.

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO RULES REGARDING REMICS.—Section 860E(a)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking all that follows “for purposes of” and inserting “subsection (a)(2),

1 and the second sentence of subsection (b)(2), of section
2 172.”.

3 (f) ACCELERATED REFUNDS.—In the case of a net
4 operating loss carryback which is allowed for a taxable
5 year by reason of the amendments made by subsections
6 (a) through (e), an application under section 6411(a) of
7 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to such
8 carryback shall not fail to be treated as timely filed if filed
9 by the later of—

10 (1) the date which is 4 months after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, or

12 (2) the date otherwise applicable under section
13 6411(a) of such Code.

14 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsections (a) through (e) shall take effect as if included
16 in the provision of Public Law 115–97 to which they re-
17 late.

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