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H. R. 9298

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat qualified water competency and water safety lesson expenses as medical expenses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEUBE 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 “Safe Water Instruction
5 for Minors Act of 2024” or the “SWIM Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID FOR WATER COMPETENCY**
7 **AND LIFE SAVING WATER SAFETY LESSONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 213(d)(1) of the Internal
9 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or” at the
10 end of subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end

1 of subparagraph (D) and inserting “, or”, and by inserting
2 after subparagraph (D) the following new subparagraph:

3 “(E) for qualified water competency and
4 water safety lesson expenses.”.

5 (b) QUALIFIED WATER COMPETENCY AND WATER
6 SAFETY LESSON EXPENSES.—Section 213(d) of the In-
7 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new paragraph:

9 “(12) QUALIFIED WATER COMPETENCY AND
10 WATER SAFETY LESSON EXPENSES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
12 water competency and water safety lesson ex-
13 penses’ means amounts paid to participate in
14 basic water safety and basic swimming instruc-
15 tion or for equipment necessary for such par-
16 ticipation.

17 “(B) OVERALL DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The
18 aggregate amount treated as water competency
19 and water safety expenses with respect to any
20 taxpayer for any taxable year shall not exceed
21 \$500 (\$1,000 in the case of a joint return or
22 a head of household (as defined in section
23 2(b)).

24 “(C) LIMITATIONS RELATED TO WATER
25 COMPETENCY AND WATER SAFETY LESSONS.—

1 Amounts paid for lessons described in subpara-
2 graph (A) shall be treated as qualified expenses
3 only—

4 “(i) if such lessons are focused on
5 water safety and competency lessons and
6 are not intended for competitive swimming
7 or training lessons, and

8 “(ii) in the case of amounts paid for
9 any single item equipment, such amounts
10 do not exceed \$100.”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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