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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation of the cover over of tax on distilled spirits, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. REPEAL OF LIMITATION OF COVER OVER OF**
4 **TAX ON DISTILLED SPIRITS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7652 (relating to limita-
6 tion on cover over of tax on distilled spirits) is amended
7 by striking subsection (f) and by redesignating subsection
8 (g) as subsection (f).

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 7652(f) of
10 such Code (as so redesignated) is amended by striking

1 “subsection (f) of this section” in paragraph (1)(B) and
 2 inserting “section 5001(a)(1)”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
 5 this section shall apply to articles containing distilled
 6 spirits that are tax-determined after September 30,
 7 1999.

8 (2) SPECIAL RULE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—For the 5-year period
 10 beginning after September 30, 1999, the treas-
 11 ury of Puerto Rico shall make a Conservation
 12 Trust Fund transfer within 30 days from the
 13 date of each cover over payment made during
 14 such period to such treasury under section
 15 7652(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

16 (B) CONSERVATION TRUST FUND TRANS-
 17 FER.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
 19 this paragraph, the term “Conservation
 20 Trust Fund transfer” means a transfer to
 21 the Puerto Rico Conservation Trust Fund
 22 of an amount equal to 50 cents per proof
 23 gallon of the taxes imposed under section
 24 5001 or section 7652 of such Code on dis-
 25 tilled spirits that are covered over to the

1 treasury of Puerto Rico under section
2 7652(e) of such Code.

3 (ii) TREATMENT OF TRANSFER.—

4 Each Conservation Trust Fund transfer
5 shall be treated as principal for an endow-
6 ment, the income from which to be avail-
7 able for use by the Puerto Rico Conserva-
8 tion Trust Fund for the purposes for
9 which the Trust Fund was established.

10 (ii) RESULT OF NONTRANSFER.—

11 (I) IN GENERAL.—Upon notifica-
12 tion by the Secretary of the Interior
13 that a Conservation Trust Fund
14 transfer has not been made by the
15 treasury of Puerto Rico during the pe-
16 riod described in subparagraph (A),
17 the Secretary of the Treasury shall,
18 except as provided in subclause (II),
19 deduct and withhold from the next
20 cover over payment to be made to the
21 treasury of Puerto Rico under section
22 7652(e) of such Code an amount
23 equal to the appropriate Conservation
24 Trust Fund transfer and interest
25 thereon at the underpayment rate es-

1 tablished under section 6621 of such
2 Code as of the due date of such trans-
3 fer. The Secretary of the Treasury
4 shall transfer such amount deducted
5 and withheld, and the interest there-
6 on, directly to the Puerto Rico Con-
7 servation Trust Fund.

8 (II) GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION.—
9 If the Secretary of the Interior finds,
10 after consultation with the Governor
11 of Puerto Rico, that the failure by the
12 treasury of Puerto Rico to make a re-
13 quired transfer was for good cause,
14 and notifies the Secretary of the
15 Treasury of the finding of such good
16 cause before the due date of the next
17 cover over payment following the noti-
18 fication of nontransfer, then the Sec-
19 retary of the Treasury shall not de-
20 duct the amount of such nontransfer
21 from any cover over payment.

22 (C) PUERTO RICO CONSERVATION TRUST
23 FUND.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
24 term “Puerto Rico Conservation Trust Fund”
25 means the fund established pursuant to a

1 Memorandum of Understanding between the
2 United States Department of the Interior and
3 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, dated De-
4 cember 24, 1968.

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