

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 503

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow increase the minimum tax credit where stock acquired pursuant to an incentive stock option is sold or exchanged at a loss.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2003

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) 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. INCREASE IN MINIMUM TAX CREDIT WHERE**
4 **STOCK ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO AN INCEN-**
5 **TIVE STOCK OPTION IS SOLD OR EXCHANGED**
6 **AT A LOSS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 53 of the Internal Rev-
8 enue Code of 1986 (relating to credit for prior year min-

1 imum tax liability) is amended by adding at the end the
2 following new subsection:

3 “(e) SPECIAL RULE IN CASE OF INCENTIVE STOCK
4 OPTIONS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount determined
6 under subsection (c) for any taxable year beginning
7 after December 31, 2002, shall be not less than the
8 lesser of—

9 “(A) the incentive stock option tax, or

10 “(B) the greater of \$3,000 or 50 percent
11 of the regular tax for such taxable year.

12 “(2) INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION TAX.—For pur-
13 poses of this subsection, the term ‘incentive stock
14 option tax’ means the excess (if any) of—

15 “(A) the aggregate tax imposed by section
16 55 by reason of section 56(b)(3) for all prior
17 taxable years with respect to stock if—

18 “(i) such stock is sold or exchanged
19 during the taxable year or any prior tax-
20 able year, and

21 “(ii) a loss is recognized on such sale
22 or exchange for purposes of part VI, over

23 “(B) the aggregate increase in the amount
24 determined under subsection (c) by reason of
25 this subsection for all prior taxable years.”

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
3 December 31, 2002.

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