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To impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

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A BILL

To impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. BONUSES RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN TARP RE-**
2 **CIPIENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an employee or
4 former employee of a covered TARP recipient, the tax im-
5 posed by chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
6 for any taxable year shall not be less than the sum of—

7 (1) the tax that would be determined under
8 such chapter if the taxable income of the taxpayer
9 for such taxable year were reduced (but not below
10 zero) by the TARP bonus received by the taxpayer
11 during such taxable year, plus

12 (2) 90 percent of the TARP bonus received by
13 the taxpayer during such taxable year.

14 (b) TARP BONUS.—For purposes of this section—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “TARP bonus”
16 means, with respect to any individual for any taxable
17 year, the lesser of—

18 (A) the aggregate disqualified bonus pay-
19 ments received from covered TARP recipients
20 during such taxable year, or

21 (B) the excess of—

22 (i) the adjusted gross income of the
23 taxpayer for such taxable year, over

24 (ii) \$250,000 (\$125,000 in the case of
25 a married individual filing a separate re-
26 turn).

1 (2) DISQUALIFIED BONUS PAYMENT.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “disqualified
3 bonus payment” means any retention payment,
4 incentive payment, or other bonus which is in
5 addition to any amount payable to such indi-
6 vidual for service performed by such individual
7 at a regular hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or
8 similar periodic rate.

9 (B) EXCEPTIONS.—Such term shall not in-
10 clude commissions, welfare or fringe benefits, or
11 expense reimbursements.

12 (C) WAIVER OR RETURN OF PAYMENTS.—
13 Such term shall not include any amount if the
14 employee irrevocably waives the employee’s enti-
15 tlement to such payment, or the employee re-
16 turns such payment to the employer, before the
17 close of the taxable year in which such payment
18 is due. The preceding sentence shall not apply
19 if the employee receives any benefit from the
20 employer in connection with the waiver or re-
21 turn of such payment.

22 (3) REIMBURSEMENT OF TAX TREATED AS
23 TARP BONUS.—Any reimbursement by a covered
24 TARP recipient of the tax imposed under subsection

1 (a) shall be treated as a disqualified bonus payment
2 to the taxpayer liable for such tax.

3 (c) COVERED TARP RECIPIENT.—For purposes of
4 this section—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered TARP
6 recipient” means—

7 (A) any person who receives after Decem-
8 ber 31, 2007, capital infusions under the Emer-
9 gency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008
10 which, in the aggregate, exceed \$5,000,000,000,

11 (B) the Federal National Mortgage Asso-
12 ciation and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage
13 Corporation,

14 (C) any person who is a member of the
15 same affiliated group (as defined in section
16 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, de-
17 termined without regard to paragraphs (2) and
18 (3) of subsection (b)) as a person described in
19 subparagraph (A) or (B), and

20 (D) any partnership if more than 50 per-
21 cent of the capital or profits interests of such
22 partnership are owned directly or indirectly by
23 one or more persons described in subparagraph
24 (A), (B), or (C).

1 (2) EXCEPTION FOR TARP RECIPIENTS WHO
2 REPAY ASSISTANCE.—A person shall be treated as
3 described in paragraph (1)(A) for any period only
4 if—

5 (A) the excess of the aggregate amount of
6 capital infusions described in paragraph (1)(A)
7 with respect to such person over the amounts
8 repaid by such person to the Federal Govern-
9 ment with respect to such capital infusions, ex-
10 ceeds

11 (B) \$5,000,000,000.

12 (d) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—Terms used in this sec-
13 tion which are also used in the Internal Revenue Code of
14 1986 shall have the same meaning when used in this sec-
15 tion as when used in such Code.

16 (e) COORDINATION WITH INTERNAL REVENUE CODE
17 OF 1986.—Any increase in the tax imposed under chapter
18 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by reason of sub-
19 section (a) shall not be treated as a tax imposed by such
20 chapter for purposes of determining the amount of any
21 credit under such chapter or for purposes of section 55
22 of such Code.

23 (f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury,
24 or the Secretary's delegate, shall prescribe such regula-

1 tions or other guidance as may be necessary or appro-
2 priate to carry out the purposes of this section.

3 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to
4 disqualified bonus payments received after December 31,
5 2008, in taxable years ending after such date.

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