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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PORTMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ‘‘Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2015’’.

SEC. 2. DUTY TO ENSURE THAT IRS EMPLOYEES ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND ACT IN ACCORD WITH CERTAIN TAXPAYER RIGHTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7803(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4) and by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

"(3) EXECUTION OF DUTIES IN ACCORD WITH TAXPAYER RIGHTS.—In discharging his duties, the Commissioner shall ensure that employees of the Internal Revenue Service are familiar with and act in accord with taxpayer rights as afforded by other provisions of this title, including—

"(A) the right to be informed,

"(B) the right to quality service,

"(C) the right to pay no more than the correct amount of tax,

"(D) the right to challenge the position of the Internal Revenue Service and be heard,

"(E) the right to appeal a decision of the Internal Revenue Service in an independent forum,

"(F) the right to finality,

"(G) the right to privacy,

"(H) the right to confidentiality,

"(I) the right to retain representation, and

"(J) the right to a fair and just tax system.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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