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H. R. 2173

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself and Mr. GARBARINO) 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 “Tools Tax Deduction
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN EX-**
7 **PENSES OF BEING AN EMPLOYEE.**

8 (a) ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN EX-
9 PENSES.—Section 62(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
10 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following

1 new sentence: “The limitation under the preceding sen-
 2 tence shall not apply to deductions which are attributable
 3 to a trade or business consisting of the performance of
 4 services by the taxpayer as an employee if such deductions
 5 are for construction tools, personal protective clothing and
 6 gear, and other expenses in connection with such place of
 7 employment which are necessary for such individual to be
 8 able to work.”.

9 (b) ALLOWANCE OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMIZED DE-
 10 Duction FOR OTHER EXPENSES OF THE TRADE OR
 11 BUSINESS OF BEING AN EMPLOYEE.—Section 67(g) of
 12 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

13 (1) by striking “2025.—Notwithstanding sub-
 14 section (a),” and inserting “2025.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
 16 (a), except as provided in paragraph (2),”, and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) EXCEPTIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE
 19 TRADE OR BUSINESS OF BEING AN EMPLOYEE.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall
 21 not apply to miscellaneous itemized deductions
 22 for any taxable year which are itemized deduc-
 23 tions attributable to a trade or business carried
 24 on by the taxpayer which consists of the per-

1 formance of services by the taxpayer as an em-
2 ployee.

3 “(B) APPLICATION OF 2-PERCENT TEST.—

4 In applying subsection (a) for any taxable year
5 to which this paragraph applies, only the
6 itemized deductions described in subparagraph
7 (A) shall be taken into account as miscellaneous
8 itemized deductions.”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
11 December 31, 2025.

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