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# H. R. 2288

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds.

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BARR, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. CHU, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. KUSTOFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds.

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 “Investing in Our Com-  
5 munities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF ADVANCE REFUNDING BONDS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 149(d) of the Internal  
8 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “to advance  
2 refund another bond” and inserting “as part of an  
3 issue described in paragraph (2), (3), or (4)”;

4 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as  
5 paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively; and

6 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
7 lowing new paragraphs:

8 “(2) CERTAIN PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS.—An  
9 issue is described in this paragraph if any bond  
10 (issued as part of such issue) is issued to advance  
11 refund a private activity bond (other than a qualified  
12 501(c)(3) bond).

13 “(3) OTHER BONDS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An issue is described  
15 in this paragraph if any bond (issued as part of  
16 such issue), hereinafter in this paragraph re-  
17 ferred to as the ‘refunding bond’, is issued to  
18 advance refund a bond unless—

19 “(i) the refunding bond is only—

20 “(I) the 1st advance refunding of  
21 the original bond if the original bond  
22 is issued after 1985, or

23 “(II) the 1st or 2nd advance re-  
24 funding of the original bond if the  
25 original bond was issued before 1986,

1           “(ii) in the case of refunded bonds  
2 issued before 1986, the refunded bond is  
3 redeemed not later than the earliest date  
4 on which such bond may be redeemed at  
5 par or at a premium of 3 percent or less,

6           “(iii) in the case of refunded bonds  
7 issued after 1985, the refunded bond is re-  
8 deemed not later than the earliest date on  
9 which such bond may be redeemed,

10           “(iv) the initial temporary period  
11 under section 148(c) ends—

12           “(I) with respect to the proceeds  
13 of the refunding bond not later than  
14 30 days after the date of issue of such  
15 bond, and

16           “(II) with respect to the proceeds  
17 of the refunded bond on the date of  
18 issue of the refunding bond, and

19           “(v) in the case of refunded bonds to  
20 which section 148(e) did not apply, on and  
21 after the date of issue of the refunding  
22 bond, the amount of proceeds of the re-  
23 funded bond invested in higher yielding in-  
24 vestments (as defined in section 148(b))  
25 which are nonpurpose investments (as de-

1           fined in section 148(f)(6)(A)) does not ex-  
2           ceed—

3                   “(I) the amount so invested as  
4                   part of a reasonably required reserve  
5                   or replacement fund or during an al-  
6                   lowable temporary period, and

7                   “(II) the amount which is equal  
8                   to the lesser of 5 percent of the pro-  
9                   ceeds of the issue of which the re-  
10                  funded bond is a part or \$100,000 (to  
11                  the extent such amount is allocable to  
12                  the refunded bond).

13                  “(B) SPECIAL RULES FOR REDEMP-  
14                  TIONS.—

15                   “(i) ISSUER MUST REDEEM ONLY IF  
16                   DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS.—Clause (ii) and  
17                   (iii) of subparagraph (A) shall apply only  
18                   if the issuer may realize present value debt  
19                   service savings (determined without regard  
20                   to administrative expenses) in connection  
21                   with the issue of which the refunding bond  
22                   is a part.

23                   “(ii) REDEMPTIONS NOT REQUIRED  
24                   BEFORE 90TH DAY.—For purposes of  
25                   clauses (ii) and (iii) of subparagraph (A),

1           the earliest date referred to in such clauses  
2           shall not be earlier than the 90th day after  
3           the date of issuance of the refunding bond.

4           “(4) ABUSIVE TRANSACTIONS PROHIBITED.—  
5           An issue is described in this paragraph if any bond  
6           (issued as part of such issue) is issued to advance  
7           refund another bond and a device is employed in  
8           connection with the issuance of such issue to obtain  
9           a material financial advantage (based on arbitrage)  
10          apart from savings attributable to lower interest  
11          rates.

12          “(5) SPECIAL RULES FOR PURPOSES OF PARA-  
13          GRAPH (3).—For purposes of paragraph (3), bonds  
14          issued before the date of the enactment of this sub-  
15          section shall be taken into account under subpara-  
16          graph (A)(i) thereof except—

17                 “(A) a refunding which occurred before  
18                 1986 shall be treated as an advance refunding  
19                 only if the refunding bond was issued more  
20                 than 180 days before the redemption of the re-  
21                 funded bond, and

22                 “(B) a bond issued before 1986, shall be  
23                 treated as advance refunded no more than once  
24                 before March 15, 1986.”.

1           (b)           CONFORMING           AMENDMENT.—Section  
2 148(f)(4)(C) of such Code is amended by redesignating  
3 clauses (xiv) through (xvi) as clauses (xv) through (xvii)  
4 and by inserting after clause (xiii) the following new  
5 clause:

6                           “(xiv) DETERMINATION OF INITIAL  
7                           TEMPORARY PERIOD.—For purposes of  
8                           this subparagraph, the end of the initial  
9                           temporary period shall be determined with-  
10                          out regard to section 149(d)(3)(A)(iv).”.

11           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12 this section shall apply to advance refunding bonds issued  
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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