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# H. R. 2591

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. HONDA, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.

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 “Homeless Veterans As-  
5 sistance Fund Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOMELESS VETERANS AS-**  
2 **SISTANCE FUND.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter A of chapter 61 of the  
4 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following new part:

6 **“PART IX—CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOMELESS**  
7 **VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND**

“Sec. 6098. Contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund.

8 **“SEC. 6098. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOMELESS VETERANS**  
9 **ASSISTANCE FUND.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Every individual, with respect to  
11 the taxpayer’s return for the taxable year of the tax im-  
12 posed by chapter 1—

13 “(1) may designate that a specified portion (not  
14 less than \$1) of any overpayment of tax shall be  
15 paid over to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund  
16 in accordance with the provisions of section 9512,  
17 and

18 “(2) in addition to any payment (if any) under  
19 paragraph (1), may make a contribution to the  
20 United States of an additional amount which shall  
21 be paid over to such Fund.

22 “(b) MANNER AND TIME OF DESIGNATION AND CON-  
23 TRIBUTION.—A designation and contribution under sub-  
24 section (a) may be made with respect to any taxable  
25 year—

1           “(1) at the time of filing the return of the tax  
2           imposed by chapter 1 for such taxable year, or

3           “(2) at any other time (after such time of fil-  
4           ing) specified in regulations prescribed by the Sec-  
5           retary.

6 Such designation and contribution shall be made in such  
7 manner as the Secretary prescribes by regulations except  
8 that, if such designation is made at the time of filing the  
9 return of the tax imposed by chapter 1 for such taxable  
10 year, such designation shall be made either on the first  
11 page of the return or on the page bearing the taxpayer’s  
12 signature.

13           “(c) OVERPAYMENTS TREATED AS REFUNDED.—For  
14 purposes of this title, any portion of an overpayment of  
15 tax designated under subsection (a) shall be treated as—

16           “(1) being refunded to the taxpayer as of the  
17           last date prescribed for filing the return of tax im-  
18           posed by chapter 1 (determined without regard to  
19           extensions) or, if later, the date the return is filed,  
20           and

21           “(2) a contribution made by such taxpayer on  
22           such date to the United States.”.

23           (b) HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND.—  
24 Subchapter A of chapter 98 of the Internal Revenue Code

1 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following  
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 9512. HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND.**

4       “(a) CREATION OF TRUST FUND.—There is estab-  
5 lished in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund  
6 to be known as the ‘Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund’,  
7 consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated or  
8 credited to such fund as provided in this section or section  
9 9602(b).

10       “(b) TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUND.—There are here-  
11 by appropriated to the Homeless Veterans Assistance  
12 Fund amounts equivalent to the amounts designated and  
13 contributed under section 6098.

14       “(c) EXPENDITURES.—

15               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)  
16 and (3), amounts in the Homeless Veterans Assist-  
17 ance Fund shall be available (and shall remain avail-  
18 able until expended) to the Department of Veterans  
19 Affairs, in consultation with the Department of  
20 Labor Veterans’ Employment and Training Service  
21 and the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-  
22 ment, for the purpose of providing services to home-  
23 less veterans, through—

1           “(A) the development and implementation  
2           of new and innovative strategies to prevent and  
3           end veteran homelessness, and

4           “(B) any homeless veteran program ad-  
5           ministered by the Department of Veterans Af-  
6           fairs, the Department of Labor Veterans’ Em-  
7           ployment and Training Service, and the Depart-  
8           ment of Housing and Urban Development.

9           “(2) **ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS.**—The Sec-  
10          retary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to make  
11          transfers from the amounts described in paragraph  
12          (1) to the Department of Labor Veterans’ Employ-  
13          ment and Training Service and the Department of  
14          Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of  
15          supporting programs that serve homeless veterans.

16          “(3) **ADVANCE NOTICE.**—The Secretary of Vet-  
17          erans Affairs, in collaboration with the Secretary of  
18          Labor and the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
19          velopment, shall submit a detailed expenditure plan  
20          for any amounts in the Homeless Veterans Assist-  
21          ance Fund to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs  
22          and Committees on Appropriations of the House of  
23          Representatives and of the Senate not later than 60  
24          days prior to any expenditure of such amounts.

1       “(d) PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL BUDGET INFORMA-  
2 TION.—Beginning with the President’s annual budget sub-  
3 mission for fiscal year 2017 and every year thereafter, the  
4 Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of  
5 Labor, and the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-  
6 opment shall include a description of the use of funds from  
7 the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund from the previous  
8 fiscal year and the proposed use of such funds for the next  
9 fiscal year.”.

10       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

11           (1) The table of parts for subchapter A of chap-  
12 ter 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
13 amended by adding at the end the following new  
14 item:

“PART IX. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTANCE  
FUND”.

15           (2) The table of sections for subchapter A of  
16 chapter 98 of such Code is amended by adding at  
17 the end the following new item:

“Sec. 9512. Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund.”.

18       (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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