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# H. R. 508

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRALEY of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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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 “DTV Converter Box  
5 Rebate Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF**  
2 **DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTER BOXES.**

3 (a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an indi-  
4 vidual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax  
5 imposed by chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
6 1986 for the taxable year an amount equal to \$40 for each  
7 digital-to-analog converter box purchased by the taxpayer  
8 during the taxable year.

9 (b) LIMITATIONS.—

10 (1) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The credit allowed  
11 under subsection (a) shall not exceed \$80.

12 (2) REDUCTION OF CREDIT AMOUNT FOR COU-  
13 PON REDEMPTION.—The credit allowed under sub-  
14 section (a) shall be reduced by \$40 for each digital-  
15 to-analog converter box coupon redeemed by the tax-  
16 payer.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act—

18 (1) COUPON.—The term “digital-to-analog con-  
19 verter box coupon” means a coupon (or similar  
20 method of payment assistance) issued under section  
21 3005 of the Digital Television Transition and Public  
22 Safety Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171; 120 Stat.  
23 23).

24 (2) CONVERTER BOX.—The term “digital-to-  
25 analog converter box” means a digital-to-analog con-  
26 verter box described in section 3005(d) of such Act

1       which was purchased by the taxpayer after January  
2       1, 2009, but before June 30, 2009.

3       (d) CREDIT REFUNDABLE.—For purposes of the In-  
4       ternal Revenue Code of 1986, the credit allowed under  
5       subsection (a) shall be treated as allowed under subpart  
6       C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal  
7       Revenue Code of 1986.

8       (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury,  
9       in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Commu-  
10      nications and Information of the Department of Com-  
11      merce, shall prescribe such regulations and other guidance  
12      as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the pur-  
13      poses of this section and to prevent allowance of a credit  
14      with respect to any taxpayer who purchases a digital-to-  
15      analog converter box for which a digital-to-analog con-  
16      verter box coupon has been redeemed.

17   **SEC. 3. EDUCATION EFFORT.**

18       The Assistant Secretary for Communications and In-  
19      formation of the Department of Commerce shall take ap-  
20      propriate actions to educate consumers and retailers about  
21      the tax credit established under section 2 as an alternative  
22      to requesting and redeeming a digital-to-analog converter  
23      box coupon.

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