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# H. R. 9231

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a temporary allowance for entertainment business expenses, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Service Worker Eco-  
5 nomic Stabilization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE FOR ENTERTAINMENT**  
2 **BUSINESS EXPENSES AND SIMILAR BUSINESS**  
3 **EXPENSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 274 of the Internal Rev-  
5 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the  
6 following new subsection:

7 “(q) SPECIAL RULES FOR TAXABLE YEARS 2023  
8 THROUGH 2024.—In the case of a taxable year beginning  
9 after December 31, 2022, and before January 1, 2025—

10 “(1) subsection (a)(1)(A) shall not apply to any  
11 expense directly related to the active conduct of the  
12 taxpayer’s trade or business,

13 “(2) subsection (a)(1)(B) shall not apply if the  
14 taxpayer establishes that the facility was used pri-  
15 marily for the furtherance of the taxpayer’s trade or  
16 business and that the item was directly related to  
17 the active conduct of such trade or business,

18 “(3) in determining the amount allowable as a  
19 deduction under this chapter for any ticket for any  
20 facility described in paragraph (2), the amount  
21 taken into account shall not exceed the face value of  
22 such ticket,

23 “(4) the amount allowable as a deduction under  
24 this chapter for any item with respect to an activity  
25 which is of a type generally considered to constitute  
26 entertainment, amusement, or recreation, or with re-

1       spect to a facility used in connection with such activ-  
2       ity, shall not exceed 50 percent of the amount of  
3       such expense or item which would (but for this para-  
4       graph) be allowable as a deduction under this chap-  
5       ter, and

6               “(5) paragraph (4) shall not apply to any ex-  
7       pense if—

8                       “(A) such expense is described in para-  
9                       graph (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), or (9) of sub-  
10                      section (e), or

11                     “(B) such expense is excludable from the  
12                     gross income of the recipient under section 132  
13                     by reason of subsection (e) thereof (relating to  
14                     de minimis fringes).”.

15       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
17 December 31, 2022.

18 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE OF FULL DEDUCTION**  
19 **FOR BUSINESS MEALS.**

20       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 274(n)(2)(D)(ii) of the  
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking  
22 “January 1, 2023” and inserting “January 1, 2025”.

1           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after  
3 December 31, 2022.

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