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S. 143

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for amounts paid by a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces for a new State license or certification required by reason of a permanent change in the duty station of such member to another State.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12, 2017

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COONS, and Mr. KAINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Military Spouse Job
5 Continuity Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. CREDIT FOR STATE LICENSURE AND CERTIFI-**
 2 **CATION COSTS OF MILITARY SPOUSES ARIS-**
 3 **ING BY REASON OF A PERMANENT CHANGE**
 4 **IN THE DUTY STATION OF THE MEMBER OF**
 5 **THE ARMED FORCES TO ANOTHER STATE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
 7 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
 8 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the fol-
 9 lowing new section:

10 **“SEC. 25E. STATE LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION COSTS**
 11 **OF MILITARY SPOUSE ARISING FROM TRANS-**
 12 **FER OF MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES TO AN-**
 13 **OTHER STATE.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible indi-
 15 vidual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
 16 imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount
 17 equal to the qualified relicensing costs of such individual
 18 which are paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the tax-
 19 able year.

20 “(b) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—The credit allowed by this
 21 section with respect to each change of duty station shall
 22 not exceed \$500.

23 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

24 “(1) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible
 25 individual’ means any individual—

1 “(A) who is married to a member of the
2 Armed Forces of the United States at the time
3 that the member moves to another State under
4 a permanent change of station order, and

5 “(B) who moves to such other State with
6 such member.

7 “(2) QUALIFIED RELICENSING COSTS.—The
8 term ‘qualified relicensing costs’ means costs—

9 “(A) which are for a license or certification
10 required by the State referred to in paragraph
11 (1) to engage in the profession that such indi-
12 vidual engaged in while within the State from
13 which the individual moved, and

14 “(B) which are paid or incurred during the
15 period beginning on the date that the orders re-
16 ferred to in paragraph (1)(A) are issued and
17 ending on the date which is 1 year after the re-
18 porting date specified in such orders.

19 “(d) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—The amount of
20 any deduction or other credit allowable under this chapter
21 for any expense taken into account in determining the
22 credit allowed under this section shall be reduced by the
23 amount of the credit under this section.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 for such subpart A is amended by inserting after the item
3 relating to section 25D the following new item:

“Sec. 25E. State licensure and certification costs of military spouse arising
from transfer of member of Armed Forces to another State.”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
6 December 31, 2016.

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