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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Expensing Property
5 Expands our Nation’s Strong Economy Act of 2011” or
6 as the “EXPENSE Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE EX-**
2 **PENSING OF SECTION 179 PROPERTY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 179 of the Internal Rev-
4 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsections (b)
5 and (e) and by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (f)
6 as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (1) Subsection (c) of section 179 of such Code,
9 as redesignated by subsection (a), is amended by
10 striking paragraphs (6) and (8), and by redesign-
11 ating paragraphs (7), (9), and (10) as paragraphs
12 (6), (7), and (8), respectively.

13 (2) Paragraph (6) of section 179(c) of such
14 Code, as redesignated by paragraph (1) and sub-
15 section (a), is amended by striking “paragraphs (2)
16 and (6)” and inserting “paragraph (2)”.

17 (3) Subsection (d) of section 179 of such Code,
18 as redesignated by subsection (a), is amended—

19 (A) by striking “in 2010 or 2011” in para-
20 graph (1), and

21 (B) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

22 (4) Sections 42(d)(2)(B)(i), 1397D(d)(1),
23 1400B(b)(4)(A)(i) and 1400F(b)(4)(A)(i) of such
24 Code are each amended by striking “section
25 179(d)(2)” and inserting “section 179(c)(2)”.

1 (5) Subclause (I) of section 42(d)(2)(D)(iii) of
2 such Code is amended—

3 (A) by striking “section 179(d)” and in-
4 sserting “section 179(c)”, and

5 (B) by striking “section 179(d)(7)” and
6 inserting “section 179(c)(6)”.

7 (6)(A) Subpart B of part III of subchapter U
8 of chapter 1 of such Code is hereby repealed.

9 (B) The table of subparts for such part III is
10 amended by striking the item relating to subpart B.

11 (7)(A) Part III of subchapter X of chapter 1 of
12 such Code is amended by striking section 1400J.

13 (B) The table of sections for such part is
14 amended by striking the item relating to section
15 1400J.

16 (C) Paragraph (3) of section 1400E(b) of such
17 Code is amended by striking “sections 1400F and
18 1400J” and inserting “section 1400F”.

19 (8) Clause (iv) of section 1400L(b)(2)(A) of
20 such Code is amended by striking “section 179(d)”
21 and inserting “section 179(c)”.

22 (9) Section 1400L of such Code is amended by
23 striking subsection (f).

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall apply to property placed in service during

1 taxable years ending on or after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. ELECTION OF SHORTER RECOVERY PERIOD FOR**
4 **PURPOSE OF DETERMINING DEPRECIATION**
5 **DEDUCTION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 168 of the Internal Rev-
7 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new subsection:

9 “(o) ELECTION OF SHORTER RECOVERY PERIOD.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-
11 sections (c), (e), (g), and (j), for purposes of sub-
12 section (a), the applicable recovery period for any
13 property placed in service during a taxable year end-
14 ing on or after the date of the enactment of this
15 subsection shall not exceed any period of two or
16 more years elected by the taxpayer with respect to
17 such property.

18 “(2) ELECTION.—An election made under this
19 subsection shall be made at such time and in such
20 form and manner as the Secretary may require. An
21 election under this subsection, once made, shall
22 apply to the taxable year for which made and all
23 subsequent taxable years unless revoked with the
24 consent of the Secretary.

1 “(3) TRANSITION RULE.—In the case of any
2 property placed in service during a taxable year end-
3 ing before the date of the enactment of this sub-
4 section, paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to
5 the adjusted basis of such property in the same
6 manner as if such property (with such adjusted
7 basis) were placed in service on the first day of the
8 taxable year which includes the date of the enact-
9 ment of this subsection. The application of this
10 paragraph shall not be treated as a change in meth-
11 od of accounting for purposes of section 481.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 this section shall apply to property placed in service be-
14 fore, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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