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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler systems as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler systems as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2011

Mr. SCHOCK (for himself and Mr. LANGEVIN) 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 “Fire Sprinkler Incen-
5 tive Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTOMATED FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS TREATED**
2 **AS SECTION 179 PROPERTY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 179 of the Internal Rev-
4 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
5 following new subsection:

6 “(g) SPECIAL RULES FOR AUTOMATED FIRE SPRIN-
7 KLER SYSTEMS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a taxpayer elects the ap-
9 plication of this subsection for any taxable year, the
10 term ‘section 179 property’ shall include any auto-
11 mated fire sprinkler system.

12 “(2) AUTOMATED FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM.—
13 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘auto-
14 mated fire sprinkler system’ means those sprinkler
15 systems classified under one or more of the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(A) National Fire Protection Association
18 13, Installation of Sprinkler Systems.

19 “(B) National Fire Protection Association
20 13 D, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One
21 and Two Family Dwellings and Manufactured
22 Homes or International Residential Code Sec-
23 tion P2904, Dwelling Unit Fire Sprinkler Sys-
24 tems.

25 “(C) National Fire Protection Association
26 13 R, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Resi-

1 dential Occupancies up to and Including Four
2 Stories in Height.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to property placed in service after
5 December 31, 2010.

6 **SEC. 3. CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN AUTOMATED FIRE**
7 **SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.**

8 (a) TREATMENT AS 15-YEAR PROPERTY.—Subpara-
9 graph (E) of section 168(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue
10 Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and” at the end
11 of clause (viii), by striking the period at the end of clause
12 (ix) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the
13 following:

14 “(x) any specified automated fire
15 sprinkler system.”.

16 (b) APPLICABLE DEPRECIATION METHOD.—Para-
17 graph (3) of section 168(b) of the Internal Revenue Code
18 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following
19 new subparagraph:

20 “(J) Any specified automated fire sprinkler
21 system.”.

22 (c) ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM.—The table contained in
23 section 168(g)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of
24 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to
25 subparagraph (E)(ix) the following:

“(E)(x) 39”.

1 (d) DEFINITION OF SPECIFIED AUTOMATED FIRE
2 SPRINKLER SYSTEM.—Subsection (i) of section 168 of the
3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at
4 the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(20) SPECIFIED AUTOMATED FIRE SPRINKLER
6 SYSTEM.—The term ‘specified automated fire sprin-
7 kler system’ means any automated fire sprinkler sys-
8 tem (as defined in section 179(g)(2)) which is in-
9 stalled in a building where the floor of any occupi-
10 able story is greater than 75 feet above the lowest
11 level of fire department vehicle access.”.

12 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply to property placed in service after
14 December 31, 2010.

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