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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2021

Mr. CRUZ 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING 2021 RECOVERY REBATES FROM**
 2 **BEING PROVIDED TO CERTAIN PRISONERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6428B of the Internal
 4 Revenue Code of 1986, as added by section 9601 of the
 5 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as
 7 subsections (i) and (j), respectively;

8 (2) in subsection (j), as so redesignated, by
 9 striking “subsection (h)(1)” each place it appears
 10 and inserting “subsection (i)(1)”; and

11 (3) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
 12 lowing:

13 “(h) SPECIAL RULES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN
 14 PRISONERS.—

15 “(1) DISALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
 17 graph (B), no credit shall be allowed under sub-
 18 section (a) to an eligible individual who is, for
 19 each day during calendar year 2021—

20 “(i) confined in a jail, prison, or other
 21 penal institution or correctional facility
 22 pursuant to the conviction of the individual
 23 for a murder offense under Federal or
 24 State law; or

1 “(ii) is confined by court order in an
2 institution at public expense in connection
3 with—

4 “(I) a verdict or finding that the
5 individual is guilty but insane, with
6 respect to a murder offense under
7 Federal or State law;

8 “(II) a verdict or finding that the
9 individual is not guilty of such an of-
10 fense by reason of insanity;

11 “(III) a finding that such indi-
12 vidual is incompetent to stand trial
13 under an allegation of such an of-
14 fense; or

15 “(IV) a similar verdict or finding
16 with respect to such an offense based
17 on similar factors (such as a mental
18 disease, a mental defect, or mental in-
19 competence).

20 “(B) JOINT RETURN.—In the case of eligi-
21 ble individuals filing a joint return where 1
22 spouse is described in subparagraph (A), sub-
23 section (b)(1) shall be applied by substituting
24 ‘\$1,400’ for ‘\$2,800’.

1 “(2) DENIAL OF ADVANCE REFUND OR CRED-
2 IT.—No refund or credit shall be made or allowed
3 under subsection (g) with respect to any individual
4 whom the Secretary has knowledge is, at the time of
5 any determination made pursuant to paragraph (3)
6 of such subsection, described in clause (i) or (ii) of
7 paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection.”.

8 (b) CRIME VICTIMS FUND.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are transferred to the
10 Crime Victims Fund, established under section 1402
11 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C.
12 20101), out of any money in the Treasury not other-
13 wise obligated, an amount equal to the total reduc-
14 tion in outlays by reason of the amendment made by
15 subsection (a).

16 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Any amount transferred
17 to the Crime Victims Fund under paragraph (1)
18 shall be merged with and be available for the same
19 purposes as amounts deposited in the Crime Victims
20 Fund under section 1402(b) of the Victims of Crime
21 Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. 20101(b)).

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-

1 ment of section 9601 of the American Rescue Plan Act
2 of 2021 (Public Law 117–2).

