

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2628

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 12 (legislative day, OCTOBER 2), 1998

Mr. MACK introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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. INCREASED DEDUCTIBILITY OF BUSINESS**  
4                   **MEAL EXPENSES FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT**  
5                   **TO FEDERAL LIMITATIONS ON HOURS OF**  
6                   **SERVICE.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 274(n)  
8 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to only  
9 50 percent of meal and entertainment expenses allowed  
10 as deduction) is amended to read as follows:

1                   “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT  
2                   TO FEDERAL HOURS OF SERVICE.—In the case of  
3                   any expenses for food or beverages consumed while  
4                   away from home (within the meaning of section  
5                   162(a)(2)) by an individual during, or incident to,  
6                   the period of duty subject to the hours of service  
7                   limitations of the Department of Transportation,  
8                   paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting ‘80  
9                   percent’ for ‘50 percent.’”

10                (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11                subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
12                December 31, 1998.

