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# S. 272

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 5, 1997

Ms. SNOWE 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. DEFENSE CONVERSION EMPLOYEE RETRAIN-**

4           **ING CREDIT.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-

6 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of

7 1986 (relating to business-related credits) is amended by

8 adding at the end the following new section:

1   **“SEC. 45C. DEFENSE CONVERSION EMPLOYEE RETRAINING**2                   **EXPENSES.**

3       “(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38,  
4   in the case of a defense contractor, the defense conversion  
5   employee retraining credit determined under this section  
6   in an amount equal to 20 percent of the defense conver-  
7   sion employee retraining expenses paid or incurred by the  
8   taxpayer during the taxable year.

9       “(b) LIMITATION.—The amount of defense conver-  
10   sion employee retraining expenses with respect to an em-  
11   ployee which may be taken into account under subsection  
12   (a) for the taxable year shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_.

13       “(c) DEFENSE CONVERSION EMPLOYEE RETRAINING  
14   EXPENSES.—For purposes of this section—

15               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘defense conver-  
16   sion employee retraining expenses’ includes all  
17   amounts paid or incurred with respect to educational  
18   or training programs in which a qualified conversion  
19   employee participates to learn or improve skills nec-  
20   essary or useful to such employee’s employment in  
21   the defense contractor’s nondefense-related business.

22               “(2) DEFENSE CONTRACTOR.—The term ‘de-  
23   fense contractor’ means any taxpayer if not less  
24   than 80 percent of its gross receipts for the taxable  
25   year is derived from defense-related business.

1                   “(3) QUALIFIED CONVERSION EMPLOYEE.—The  
2                   term ‘qualified conversion employee’ means an em-  
3                   ployee of a defense contractor who had been em-  
4                   ployed by the defense contractor or another defense  
5                   contractor in a defense-related business and who is  
6                   employed by the defense contractor in a nondefense-  
7                   related business during the taxable year.

8                   “(4) DEFENSE-RELATED BUSINESS.—The term  
9                   ‘defense-related business’ means an activity to pro-  
10                  vide material or defense-related operations pursuant  
11                  to a contract or subcontract entered into (whether or  
12                  not by the taxpayer) with a defense agency of the  
13                  United States.

14                  “(5) NONDEFENSE-RELATED BUSINESS.—The  
15                  term ‘nondefense-related business’ means any activ-  
16                  ity which is not a defense-related business.

17                  “(d) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No deduction  
18                  shall be allowed under this chapter for any amount taken  
19                  into account in determining the credit under this section.”

20                  (b) CREDIT TO BE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS  
21                  CREDIT.—Subsection (b) of section 38 of the Internal  
22                  Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to general business credit)  
23                  is amended by striking “plus” at the end of paragraph  
24                  (10), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (11)

1 and inserting “, plus”, and by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing new paragraph:

3           “(12) in the case of a defense contractor, the  
4           defense conversion employee retraining credit deter-  
5           mined under section 45C.”

6           (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
7 for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1  
8 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by add-  
9 ing at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 45C. Defense conversion employee retraining expenses.”

10          (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11 this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after  
12 the date of the enactment of this Act in taxable years end-  
13 ing after such date.

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