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# S. 583

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2005

Ms. LANDRIEU 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. PROPER TAX TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DIS-  
4 ASTER MITIGATION PAYMENTS.**

5       (a) **QUALIFIED DISASTER MITIGATION PAYMENTS**  
6       **EXCLUDED FROM GROSS INCOME.—**

7           (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 139 of the Internal  
8       Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to disaster relief  
9       payments) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10       lowing new subsections:

1       “(g)    QUALIFIED    DISASTER    MITIGATION    PAY-  
2   MENTS.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Gross income shall not in-  
4       clude any amount received as a qualified disaster  
5       mitigation payment.

6           “(2) QUALIFIED DISASTER MITIGATION PAY-  
7       MENT DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the  
8       term ‘qualified disaster mitigation payment’ means  
9       any amount which is paid pursuant to the Robert T.  
10      Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance  
11      Act (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this  
12      subsection) or the National Flood Insurance Act (as  
13      in effect on such date) to or for the benefit of the  
14      owner of any property for hazard mitigation with re-  
15      spect to such property. Such term shall not include  
16      any amount received for the sale or disposition of  
17      any property.

18           “(3) NO INCREASE IN BASIS.—Notwithstanding  
19       any other provision of this subtitle, no increase in  
20       the basis or adjusted basis of any property shall re-  
21       sult from any amount excluded under this subsection  
22       with respect to such property.

23           “(h) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—Notwith-  
24       standing any other provision of this subtitle, no deduction  
25       or credit shall be allowed (to the person for whose benefit

1 a qualified disaster relief payment or qualified disaster  
2 mitigation payment is made) for, or by reason of, any ex-  
3 penditure to the extent of the amount excluded under this  
4 section with respect to such expenditure.”.

5 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (A) Subsection (d) of section 139 of such  
7 Code is amended by striking “a qualified dis-  
8 aster relief payment” and inserting “qualified  
9 disaster relief payments and qualified disaster  
10 mitigation payments”.

11 (B) Subsection (e) of section 139 of such  
12 Code is amended by striking “and (f)” and in-  
13 serting “, (f), and (g)”.

14 (b) CERTAIN DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY UNDER  
15 HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAMS TREATED AS INVOLUN-  
16 TARY CONVERSIONS.—Section 1033 of such Code (relat-  
17 ing to involuntary conversions) is amended by redesign-  
18 ing subsection (k) as subsection (l) and by inserting  
19 after subsection (j) the following new subsection:

20 “(k) SALES OR EXCHANGES UNDER CERTAIN HAZ-  
21 ARD MITIGATION PROGRAMS.—For purposes of this sub-  
22 title, if property is sold or otherwise transferred to the  
23 Federal Government, a State or local government, or an  
24 Indian tribal government to implement hazard mitigation  
25 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-

1 gency Assistance Act (as in effect on the date of the enact-  
2 ment of this subsection) or the National Flood Insurance  
3 Act (as in effect on such date), such sale or transfer shall  
4 be treated as an involuntary conversion to which this sec-  
5 tion applies.”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

7 (1) QUALIFIED DISASTER MITIGATION PAY-  
8 MENTS.—The amendments made by subsection (a)  
9 shall apply to amounts received in taxable years end-  
10 ing after December 31, 2003.

11 (2) DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY UNDER HAZ-  
12 ARD MITIGATION PROGRAMS.—The amendments  
13 made by subsection (b) shall apply to sales or other  
14 dispositions in taxable years ending after December  
15 31, 2003.

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