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To amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide expensing for certain property placed in service during 2008 and 2009.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide expensing for certain property placed in service during 2008 and 2009.

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. EXPENSING FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY PLACED**
4 **IN SERVICE DURING 2008 AND 2009.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 168 of the Internal Rev-
6 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(m) SPECIAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN QUALI-
9 FIED PROPERTY PLACED IN SERVICE DURING 2008 AND
10 2009.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any qualified
2 property—

3 “(A) the depreciation deduction provided
4 by section 167(a) for the taxable year in which
5 such property is placed in service shall include
6 an allowance equal to 100 percent of the ad-
7 justed basis of the qualified property, and

8 “(B) the adjusted basis of the qualified
9 property shall be reduced by the amount of
10 such deduction before computing the amount
11 otherwise allowable as a depreciation deduction
12 under this chapter for such taxable year and
13 any subsequent taxable year.

14 “(2) QUALIFIED PROPERTY.—For purposes of
15 this subsection, the term ‘qualified property’ means
16 property—

17 “(A) which is 3-year property, 5-year prop-
18 erty, or 7-year property,

19 “(B) the original use of which commences
20 with the taxpayer on or after the starting date,

21 “(C) which is—

22 “(i) acquired by the taxpayer on or
23 after the starting date and before the end-
24 ing date, but only if no written binding

1 contract for the acquisition was in effect
 2 before the starting date, or

3 “(ii) acquired by the taxpayer pursu-
 4 ant to a written binding contract which
 5 was entered into on or after the starting
 6 date and before the ending date, and

7 “(D) which is placed in service by the tax-
 8 payer before the ending date.

9 “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—

10 “(A) ALTERNATIVE DEPRECIATION PROP-
 11 erty.—This subsection shall not apply to any
 12 property to which the alternative depreciation
 13 system under subsection (g) applies, deter-
 14 mined—

15 “(i) without regard to paragraph (7)
 16 of subsection (g) (relating to election to
 17 have system apply), and

18 “(ii) after application of section
 19 280F(b) (relating to listed property with
 20 limited business use).

21 “(B) ELECTION OUT.—If a taxpayer
 22 makes an election under this subparagraph with
 23 respect to any class of property for any taxable
 24 year, this subsection shall not apply to all prop-

erty in such class placed in service during such taxable year.

“(4) SPECIAL RULES.—

“(A) SELF-CONSTRUCTED PROPERTY.—In the case of a taxpayer manufacturing, constructing, or producing property for the taxpayer’s own use, the requirements of paragraph (2)(C) shall be treated as met if the taxpayer begins manufacturing, constructing, or producing the property after the starting date and before the ending date.

“(B) SALE-LEASEBACKS.—For purposes of subparagraph (C) and paragraph (2)(B), if property is—

“(i) originally placed in service on or after the starting date by a person, and

“(ii) sold and leased back by such person within 3 months after the date such property was originally placed in service, such property shall be treated as originally placed in service not earlier than the date on which such property is used under the leaseback referred to in subclause (II).

“(C) SYNDICATION.—For purposes of paragraph (2)(B), if—

1 “(i) property is originally placed in
2 service on or after the starting date by the
3 lessor of such property,

4 “(ii) such property is sold by such les-
5 sor or any subsequent purchaser within 3
6 months after the date such property was
7 originally placed in service (or, in the case
8 of multiple units of property subject to the
9 same lease, within 3 months after the date
10 the final unit is placed in service, so long
11 as the period between the time the first
12 unit is placed in service and the time the
13 last unit is placed in service does not ex-
14 ceed 12 months), and

15 “(iii) the user of such property after
16 the last sale during such 3-month period
17 remains the same as when such property
18 was originally placed in service,

19 such property shall be treated as originally
20 placed in service not earlier than the date of
21 such last sale.

22 “(D) LIMITATIONS RELATED TO USERS
23 AND RELATED PARTIES.—This subsection shall
24 not apply to any property if—

“(i) the user of such property (as of the date on which such property is originally placed in service) or a person which is related (within the meaning of section 267(b) or 707(b)) to such user or to the taxpayer had a written binding contract in effect for the acquisition of such property at any time before the starting date, or

“(ii) in the case of property manufactured, constructed, or produced for such user’s or person’s own use, the manufacture, construction, or production of such property began at any time before the starting date.

“(5) COORDINATION WITH SECTION 280F.—For purposes of section 280F—

“(A) AUTOMOBILES.—In the case of a passenger automobile (as defined in section 280F(d)(5)) which is qualified property, the Secretary shall increase the limitation under section 280F(a)(1)(A)(i) by \$7,650.

“(B) LISTED PROPERTY.—The deduction allowable under paragraph (1) shall be taken into account in computing any recapture amount under section 280F(b)(2).

1 “(6) DEDUCTION ALLOWED IN COMPUTING
2 MINIMUM TAX.—For purposes of determining alter-
3 native minimum taxable income under section 55,
4 the deduction under subsection (a) for qualified
5 property shall be determined under this section with-
6 out regard to any adjustment under section 56.

7 “(7) STARTING DATE; ENDING DATE.—For pur-
8 poses of this paragraph—

9 “(A) STARTING DATE.—The term ‘starting
10 date’ means January 1, 2008.

11 “(B) ENDING DATE.—The term ‘ending
12 date’ means January 1, 2010.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 this section shall apply to property placed in service after
15 December 31, 2007.

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