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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small businesses  
to defer the payment of certain employment taxes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL of California introduced the following bill; which was referred  
to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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businesses to defer the payment of certain employment taxes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Main Street Revival  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFERRAL OF CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TAXES BY**  
7 **SMALL BUSINESSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3111 of the Internal Rev-  
9 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following new subsection:

1       “(f) ELECTION BY SMALL BUSINESSES TO DEFER  
2 PAYMENT.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A specified small business  
4 may elect to pay the specified first-year employment  
5 taxes of such business in installments as provided in  
6 paragraph (2).

7           “(2) PAYMENT IN INSTALLMENTS.—

8           “(A) IN GENERAL.—If an election is made  
9 under paragraph (1), the specified first-year  
10 employment taxes shall be paid in 4 equal in-  
11 stallments. The first installment shall be paid  
12 on the date which is one year after the end of  
13 the specified first year and each succeeding in-  
14 stallment shall be paid on the date which is one  
15 year after the due date of the previous install-  
16 ment.

17           “(B) ACCELERATION OF PAYMENT UNDER  
18 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.—If there is an addi-  
19 tion to tax for failure to pay timely assessed  
20 with respect to any installment required under  
21 this subsection, a liquidation or sale of substan-  
22 tially all the assets of the taxpayer (including in  
23 a title 11 or similar case), a cessation of busi-  
24 ness by the taxpayer, or any similar cir-  
25 cumstance, then the unpaid portion of all re-

1           maintaining installments shall be due on the date  
2           of such event (or in the case of a title 11 or  
3           similar case, the day before the petition is  
4           filed).

5           “(C) PRORATION OF ANY DEFICIENCY TO  
6           INSTALLMENTS.—If an election is made under  
7           paragraph (1) to pay the specified first-year  
8           employment taxes in installments and a defi-  
9           ciency has been assessed, the deficiency shall be  
10          prorated to such installments. The part of the  
11          deficiency so prorated to any installment the  
12          date for payment of which has not arrived shall  
13          be collected at the same time as, and as a part  
14          of, such installment. The part of the deficiency  
15          so prorated to any installment the date for pay-  
16          ment of which has arrived shall be paid upon  
17          notice and demand from the Secretary. This  
18          subsection shall not apply if the deficiency is  
19          due to negligence, to intentional disregard of  
20          rules and regulations, or to fraud with intent to  
21          evade tax.

22          “(3) SPECIFIED SMALL BUSINESS.—For pur-  
23          poses of this section—

24                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘specified  
25                  small business’ means any HUBZone business

1 if there is a reasonable expectation as of the  
2 first day of the specified first-year that such  
3 business will not employ more than 25 full-time  
4 employees (determined under section 45R(d) by  
5 treating the specified first year as the taxable  
6 year) for such year. Such term shall not include  
7 any business unless the specified first-year of  
8 such business begins after the date of the en-  
9 actment of this subsection.

10 “(B) HUBZONE BUSINESS.—The term  
11 ‘HUBZone business’ means any employer if—

12 “(i) every trade or business of such  
13 employer is actively conducted within a  
14 HUBZone, and

15 “(ii) a substantial portion of the serv-  
16 ices performed for such employer by its  
17 employees are performed in a HUBZone.

18 “(C) HUBZONE.—The term ‘HUBZone’  
19 means any area which would be a historically  
20 underutilized business zone (as defined in sec-  
21 tion 3(p)(1) of the Small Business Act) if such  
22 section were applied without regard to subpara-  
23 graphs (C), (D), and (E) thereof.

24 “(4) SPECIFIED FIRST-YEAR EMPLOYMENT  
25 TAXES.—For purposes of this section—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘specified  
2           first-year employment taxes’ means, with re-  
3           spect to any specified small business, the taxes  
4           imposed under subsections (a) and (b) with re-  
5           spect to wages paid during the specified first-  
6           year of such business.

7           “(B) SPECIFIED FIRST-YEAR.—The term  
8           ‘specified first-year’ means, with respect to any  
9           specified small business, the 1-year period be-  
10          ginning on the first date that any employee of  
11          such business performs any service for such  
12          business.

13          “(5) AGGREGATION RULES, ETC.—All persons  
14          treated as a single employer under subsection (a) or  
15          (b) of section 52 or subsection (m) or (o) of section  
16          414 shall be treated as one person for purposes of  
17          this subsection. Any reference in this subsection to  
18          any person shall include a reference to any prede-  
19          cessor of such person.

20          “(6) TRUST FUNDS HELD HARMLESS.—The  
21          amounts appropriated, deposited, or transferred to  
22          any trust fund shall be determined without regard to  
23          this subsection.”.

24          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
25          this section shall apply to any specified small business (as

1 defined in section 3111(f) of the Internal Revenue Code  
2 of 1986, as added by this section) the specified first-year  
3 of which (within the meaning of such section) begins after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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