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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity  
tax credit for hiring displaced disaster victims.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CROCKETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Helping Increase  
5       Realtime Employment for Communities Recovering from  
6       Emergency Disasters for Interim Time Act” or as the  
7       “HIRE CREDIT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT FOR HIRING DIS-**  
2 **PLACED DISASTER VICTIMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 51(d) of the Internal Rev-  
4 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or” at the  
5 end of subparagraph (I), by striking the period at the end  
6 of subparagraph (J) and inserting “, or”, and by adding  
7 at the end the following new subparagraph:

8 “(K) a displaced disaster victim.”.

9 (b) DISPLACED DISASTER VICTIM.—Section 51(d) of  
10 such Code is amended by adding at the end the following  
11 new paragraph:

12 “(16) DISPLACED DISASTER VICTIM.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘displaced  
14 disaster victim’ means any individual who is  
15 certified by the designated local agency—

16 “(i) as having a principal residence  
17 (as defined in section 1033(h)(4)) in a  
18 qualified disaster zone which was rendered  
19 uninhabitable as a result of the qualified  
20 disaster with respect to such qualified dis-  
21 aster zone,

22 “(ii) as being employed (immediately  
23 prior to the incident period with respect to  
24 such qualified disaster) at a location in  
25 such qualified disaster zone which was ren-

1           dered inoperable as a result of such quali-  
2           fied disaster, and

3           “(iii) as being in a period of unem-  
4           ployment.

5           “(B) TEMPORARY STATUS.—The term ‘dis-  
6           placed disaster victim’ shall not include any in-  
7           dividual unless the hiring date with respect to  
8           such individual is before the date which is 1  
9           year after the last day of the incident period  
10          with respect to the qualified disaster referred to  
11          in subparagraph (A).

12          “(C) EXCLUSION OF FULL-TIME EMPLOY-  
13          MENT OUTSIDE OF QUALIFIED DISASTER  
14          ZONE.—If the principal place of employment by  
15          the taxpayer of any displaced disaster victim is  
16          outside of the qualified disaster zone with re-  
17          spect to such individual, the term ‘qualified  
18          wages’ shall not include any amount paid or in-  
19          curred by such employer as compensation for  
20          the services of such individual with respect any  
21          calendar week if such individual provided 30 or  
22          more hours of services to such employer during  
23          such week.

24          “(D) QUALIFIED DISASTER ZONE.—The  
25          term ‘qualified disaster zone’ means any area—

1 “(i) with respect to which a major dis-  
2 aster was declared, on or after January 1,  
3 2024, by the President under section 401  
4 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
5 and Emergency Assistance Act, and

6 “(ii) which was determined by the  
7 President, on or after January 1, 2024, to  
8 warrant individual or individual and public  
9 assistance from the Federal Government  
10 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
11 lief and Emergency Assistance Act by rea-  
12 son of the qualified disaster with respect to  
13 such disaster area.

14 “(E) QUALIFIED DISASTER.—The term  
15 ‘qualified disaster’ means, with respect to any  
16 qualified disaster zone, the disaster by reason of  
17 which a major disaster was declared with re-  
18 spect to such area.

19 “(F) INCIDENT PERIOD.—The term ‘inci-  
20 dent period’ means, with respect to any quali-  
21 fied disaster, the period specified by the Federal  
22 Emergency Management Agency as the period  
23 during which such disaster occurred (except  
24 that for purposes of this paragraph such period

1           shall not be treated as beginning before Janu-  
2           ary 1, 2024).”.

3           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to individuals who begin work for  
5 the employer on or after January 1, 2024.

6           (d) TRANSITION RULES.—In the case of any qualified  
7 disaster the incident period of which ends before the date  
8 of the enactment of this Act—

9           (1) section 51(d)(16)(B) of the Internal Rev-  
10 enue Code of 1986 shall be applied by substituting  
11 “the date of the enactment of this Act” for “the last  
12 day” and all that follows, and

13           (2) in the case of an individual who begins work  
14 for the employer before the date of the enactment of  
15 this Act, section 51(d)(15)(A)(iii) shall be deter-  
16 mined with respect to the period before the date on  
17 which such individual so begins such work.