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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish first-time
homebuyer savings accounts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Ways and Means

A BILL

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first-time homebuyer savings accounts.

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 “First-Time Homebuyer
5 Savings Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chap-
8 ter 1 of subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
9 is amended by inserting after section 225 the following
10 new section:

1 **“SEC. 225A. FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT.**

2 “(a) DEDUCTION ALLOWED.—In the case of an eligi-
3 ble individual, there shall be allowed as a deduction for
4 the taxable year an amount equal to the aggregate amount
5 paid in cash during such taxable year by or on behalf of
6 such individual to a first-time homebuyer savings account
7 of such individual.

8 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

9 “(1) FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS AC-
10 COUNT.—The term ‘first-time homebuyer savings ac-
11 count’ means a trust created or organized in the
12 United States as a first-time homebuyer savings ac-
13 count exclusively for the purpose of paying qualified
14 homebuyer expenses of the account beneficiary, but
15 only if the written governing instrument creating the
16 trust meets the following requirements:

17 “(A) No contribution will be accepted—

18 “(i) unless it is in cash, or

19 “(ii) if such contribution would result
20 in aggregate contributions to such account
21 in excess of the contribution limit specified
22 in subsection (c).

23 “(B) The trustee is a bank (as defined in
24 section 408(n)), an insurance company (as de-
25 fined in section 816), or another person who
26 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Sec-

1 retary that the manner in which such person
2 will administer the trust will be consistent with
3 the requirements of this section.

4 “(C) No part of the trust assets will be in-
5 vested in life insurance contracts.

6 “(D) The assets of the trust will not be
7 commingled with other property except in a
8 common trust fund or common investment
9 fund.

10 “(E) The interest of an individual in the
11 balance in his account is nonforfeitable.

12 “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible
13 individual’ means an individual if such individual
14 (and, if married, such individual’s spouse) had no
15 present ownership interest in a residential property
16 during the 3-year period ending on the present date.

17 “(3) QUALIFIED HOMEBUYER EXPENSES.—For
18 purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified home-
19 buyer expenses’ means amounts paid or incurred by
20 the account beneficiary—

21 “(A) in the case of an eligible individual,
22 to purchase a principal residence, including any
23 transaction costs relating to such purchase,

24 “(B) in the case of an eligible individual,
25 to construct a principal residence, including

1 purchasing land, site preparation, design costs,
2 permitting costs, and other expenses incurred to
3 carry out such construction, and

4 “(C) for any expense relating to a prin-
5 cipal residence of the account beneficiary ac-
6 quired or constructed when such account bene-
7 ficiary was an eligible individual during the 3-
8 year period beginning on the date—

9 “(i) of the acquisition of such prin-
10 cipal residence, or

11 “(ii) in the case of a principal resi-
12 dence constructed by the taxpayer, the
13 date on which such construction was com-
14 pleted.

15 “(4) ACCOUNT BENEFICIARY.—The term ‘ac-
16 count beneficiary’ means the individual on whose be-
17 half the first-time homebuyer savings account was
18 established.

19 “(5) PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE.—The term ‘prin-
20 ciple residence’ has the same meaning as when used
21 in section 121.

22 “(6) PUBLICATION OF NATIONAL AVERAGE SIN-
23 GLE FAMILY HOME PRICE.—The Secretary of the
24 Treasury shall, not later than December 31 of each
25 calendar year, publish the estimated national aver-

1 age price of a single family home for the following
2 calendar year.

3 “(7) ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTION.—The term
4 ‘rollover contribution’ means an amount paid or dis-
5 tributed from a first-time homebuyer savings ac-
6 count to the account beneficiary to the extent that—

7 “(A) the amount received is paid into a
8 first-time homebuyer savings account for the
9 benefit of such beneficiary not later than the
10 60th day after the day on which the beneficiary
11 receives the payment or distribution, and

12 “(B) such account beneficiary did not re-
13 ceive any other amount described in subpara-
14 graph (A) from a first-time homebuyer savings
15 account which was not includible in the individ-
16 ual’s gross income because of subsection
17 (d)(2)(B) during the 1-year period ending on
18 the date of such receipt.

19 “(c) CONTRIBUTION LIMIT.—The aggregate amount
20 of contributions for any calendar year to all first-time
21 homebuyer savings accounts maintained for the benefit of
22 an individual shall not exceed \$10,000.

23 “(d) LIMITATION ON MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS
24 INCOME.—In the case of a taxpayer whose adjusted gross
25 income for the taxable year exceeds \$200,000 (twice such

1 amount in the case of a joint return), no deduction shall
 2 be allowed under subsection (a) for such taxable year.

3 “(e) TREATMENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS.—

4 “(1) AMOUNTS USED FOR QUALIFIED HOME-
 5 BUYER EXPENSES.—Any amount paid or distributed
 6 out of a first-time homebuyer savings account which
 7 is used exclusively to pay qualified homebuyer ex-
 8 penses shall not be includible in gross income.

9 “(2) INCLUSION OF AMOUNTS NOT USED FOR
 10 QUALIFIED HOMEBUYER EXPENSES.—Any amount
 11 paid or distributed out of a first-time homebuyer
 12 savings account which is not—

13 “(A) used exclusively to pay the qualified
 14 homebuyer expenses of the account beneficiary,

15 “(B) a rollover contribution, or

16 “(C) a transfer made under subsection (g),
 17 shall be included in the gross income of such bene-
 18 ficiary and the amount of any tax imposed by this
 19 chapter shall be increased by 10 percent on any
 20 amount so includible.

21 “(3) EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS RETURNS BE-
 22 FORE DUE DATE OF RETURN.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If any excess con-
 24 tribution is contributed for a taxable year to
 25 any first-time homebuyer savings account of an

individual, paragraph (2) shall not apply to distributions from the first-time homebuyer savings accounts of such individual (to the extent such distributions do not exceed the aggregate excess contributions to all such accounts of such individual for such year) if—

“(i) such distribution is received by the individual on or before the last day prescribed by law (including extensions of time) for filing such individual’s return for such taxable year, and

“(ii) such distribution is accompanied by the amount of net income attributable to such excess contribution.

Any net income described in clause (ii) shall be included in the gross income of the individual for the taxable year in which it is received.

“(B) EXCESS CONTRIBUTION DEFINED.—

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘excess contribution’ means any contribution (other than a rollover contribution) which is not excludable from gross income under this section.

“(f) TAX TREATMENT OF ACCOUNT.—A first-time homebuyer savings account is exempt from taxation under

1 this subtitle unless such account has ceased to be a first-
 2 time homebuyer savings account. Notwithstanding the
 3 preceding sentence, any such account is subject to the
 4 taxes imposed by section 511 (relating to imposition of
 5 tax on unrelated business income of charitable, etc. orga-
 6 nizations).

7 “(g) TREATMENT OF ACCOUNT AFTER ACQUISITION
 8 OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an account
 10 beneficiary who acquires (or whose spouse acquires)
 11 a present ownership interest in a residential prop-
 12 erty such individual may transfer amounts in the
 13 first-time homebuyer savings account of such indi-
 14 vidual or such individual’s spouse to an individual
 15 retirement account (as defined in section 408(a)) of
 16 such individual or such individual’s spouse during
 17 the 180 day period beginning on the date on which
 18 the 3-year period described in subsection (b)(3)(C)
 19 ends with respect to such acquisition.

20 “(2) TERMINATION.—A first-time homebuyer
 21 savings account shall cease to be a first-time home-
 22 buyer savings account on the first day after the 180
 23 day period described in paragraph (1) and amounts
 24 in such account shall be treated as distributed to the
 25 account beneficiary.”.

1 (b) PAYMENT TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS
2 ACCOUNT NOT TREATED AS WAGES.—Section 3121(a) of
3 such Code is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (22)(B), by striking “; or”
5 and inserting a comma,

6 (2) in paragraph (23), by striking “section sec-
7 tion 139B(a).” and inserting “section 139B(a), or”,
8 and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(24) any amount which is excludible from
12 gross income of the employee under section
13 225A(a).”.

14 (c) TAX ON EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4973(a) of such
16 Code is amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “or”,

18 (B) in paragraph (6), by inserting “or”
19 after the comma, and

20 (C) by inserting after paragraph (6) the
21 following new paragraph:

22 “(7) a first-time homebuyer savings account
23 (within the meaning of section 225A(b)(1)),”.

1 (2) DEFINITION OF EXCESS CONTRIBUTION IN

2 4973.—Section 4973 of such Code is amended by

3 adding at the end the following new subsection:

4 “(i) EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOME-

5 BUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT.—For purposes of this section,

6 in the case of a first-time homebuyer savings account

7 (within the meaning of section 225A(b)(1)), the term ‘ex-

8 cess contribution’ means the amount by which the amount

9 contributed for the taxable year to such account exceeds

10 the contribution limit under 225A(c)(1).”.

11 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections

12 for part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of subtitle A

13 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relat-

14 ing to section 225 the following new item:

“Sec. 225A. First-time homebuyer savings account.”.

15 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by

16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after

17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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