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# H. R. 528

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the employment status of certain fishermen.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 1993

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the employment status of certain fishermen.

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. CLARIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT TAX STATUS**  
4 **OF CERTAIN FISHERMEN.**

5 (a) AMENDMENTS OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF  
6 1986.—

7 (1) DETERMINATION OF SIZE OF CREW.—Sub-  
8 section (b) of section 3121 of the Internal Revenue  
9 Code of 1986 (defining employment) is amended by

1 adding at the end thereof the following new sen-  
2 tence:

3 “For purposes of paragraph (20), the operating crew of  
4 a boat shall be treated as normally made up of fewer than  
5 10 individuals if the average size of the operating crew  
6 on trips made during the preceding 4 calendar quarters  
7 consisted of fewer than 10 individuals.”

8 (2) CERTAIN CASH REMUNERATION PER-  
9 MITTED.—Subparagraph (A) of section 3121(b)(20)  
10 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

11 “(A) such individual does not receive any  
12 cash remuneration other than as provided in  
13 subparagraph (B) and other than cash remu-  
14 nation—

15 “(i) which does not exceed \$100 per  
16 trip;

17 “(ii) which is contingent on a mini-  
18 mum catch; and

19 “(iii) which is paid solely for addi-  
20 tional duties (such as mate, engineer, or  
21 cook) for which additional cash remunera-  
22 tion is traditional in the industry.”

23 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
24 6050A(a) of such Code is amended by striking  
25 “and” at the end of paragraph (3), by striking the

1 period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting “;  
2 and”, and by adding at the end thereof the following  
3 new paragraph:

4 “(5) any cash remuneration described in section  
5 3121(b)(20)(A).”

6 (b) AMENDMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—

7 (1) DETERMINATION OF SIZE OF CREW.—Sub-  
8 section (a) of section 210 of the Social Security Act  
9 is amended by adding at the end thereof the follow-  
10 ing new sentence:

11 “For purposes of paragraph (20), the operating crew of  
12 a boat shall be treated as normally made up of fewer than  
13 10 individuals if the average size of the operating crew  
14 on trips made during the preceding 4 calendar quarters  
15 consisted of fewer than 10 individuals.”

16 (2) CERTAIN CASH REMUNERATION PER-  
17 MITTED.—Subparagraph (A) of section 210(a)(20)  
18 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

19 “(A) such individual does not receive any  
20 additional compensation other than as provided  
21 in subparagraph (B) and other than cash remu-  
22 neration—

23 “(i) which does not exceed \$100 per  
24 trip;

1           “(ii) which is contingent on a mini-  
2           mum catch; and

3           “(iii) which is paid solely for addi-  
4           tional duties (such as mate, engineer, or  
5           cook) for which additional cash remunera-  
6           tion is traditional in the industry.”

7           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
9           this section shall apply to remuneration paid after  
10          December 31, 1993.

11          (2) SPECIAL RULE.—The amendments made by  
12          this section (other than subsection (a)(3)) shall also  
13          apply to remuneration paid after December 31,  
14          1984, and before January 1, 1994, unless the payor  
15          treated such remuneration (when paid) as being sub-  
16          ject to tax under chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue  
17          Code of 1986.

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