

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2559

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an expanded medical expenses deduction.

---

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 1995

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

---

## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an expanded medical expenses deduction.

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 “Health Care Tax Eq-  
5 uity Act of 1995.”

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDED DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE**

7 **PREMIUMS AND MEDICAL EXPENSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 213 of  
9 the Internal Revenue Code is amended to read as follows:

10 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Deductions shall be allowed  
2 for expenses paid during the taxable year, not com-  
3 pensated for by insurance or otherwise, for medical  
4 care of the taxpayer, his spouse, or a dependent (as  
5 defined by section 152)—

6           “(A) to the extent such expenses do not ex-  
7 ceed \$1800 (\$2400 in the case of a joint re-  
8 turn); and

9           “(B) to the extent such expenses, exclud-  
10 ing those expenses deducted under subsection  
11 (a)(1)(A), exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross  
12 income.

13           “(2) TREATMENT OF EMPLOYER- OR GOVERN-  
14 MENT-PROVIDED MEDICAL CARE.—The deduction in  
15 subsection (a)(1)(A) shall be reduced by the sum  
16 of—

17           “(A) the value of employer-provided cov-  
18 erage for medical care; and

19           “(B) the expenses paid by any government  
20 (except in the capacity of an employer) of medi-  
21 cal care.”

22           (b) ADDITION OF EXPANDED DEDUCTION TO COM-  
23 PUTATION OF ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—Subsection (a)  
24 of section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code is amended  
25 by inserting after paragraph (14) the following language:

1           “(15) HEALTH CARE EXPENSES.—The deduc-  
2           tion allowed by section 213 to the extent not in ex-  
3           cess of the amount applicable under subsection  
4           (a)(1)(A).”

5           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6           subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to taxable years begin-  
7           ning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

○