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# S. 2281

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the individual tax rates in effect for taxable years 2018 through 2025.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the individual tax rates in effect for taxable years 2018 through 2025.

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. PERMANENT MODIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL**  
4 **RATE BRACKETS.**

5 (a) MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING JOINT RETURNS  
6 AND SURVIVING SPOUSES.—The table contained in sub-  
7 section (a) of section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
8 1986 is amended to read as follows:

**“If taxable income is:****The tax is:**

Not over \$19,050 .....	10% of taxable income.
Over \$19,050 but not over \$77,400 .....	\$1,905, plus 12% of the excess over \$19,050.
Over \$77,400 but not over \$165,000 .....	\$8,907, plus 22% of the excess over \$77,400.
Over \$165,000 but not over \$315,000 .....	\$28,179, plus 24% of the excess over \$165,000.
Over \$315,000 but not over \$400,000 .....	\$64,179, plus 32% of the excess over \$315,000.
Over \$400,000 but not over \$600,000 .....	\$91,379, plus 35% of the excess over \$400,000.
Over \$600,000 .....	\$161,379, plus 37% of the excess over \$600,000.”.

1 (b) HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS.—The table contained  
2 in subsection (b) of section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code  
3 of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

**“If taxable income is:****The tax is:**

Not over \$13,600 .....	10% of taxable income.
Over \$13,600 but not over \$51,800 .....	\$1,360, plus 12% of the excess over \$13,600.
Over \$51,800 but not over \$82,500 .....	\$5,944, plus 22% of the excess over \$51,800.
Over \$82,500 but not over \$157,500 .....	\$12,698, plus 24% of the excess over \$82,500.
Over \$157,500 but not over \$200,000 .....	\$30,698, plus 32% of the excess over \$157,500.
Over \$200,000 but not over \$500,000 .....	\$44,298, plus 35% of the excess over \$200,000.
Over \$500,000 .....	\$149,298, plus 37% of the excess over \$500,000.”.

4 (c) UNMARRIED INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN SUR-  
5 VIVING SPOUSES AND HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS.—The  
6 table contained in subsection (c) of section 1 of the Inter-  
7 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

**“If taxable income is:****The tax is:**

Not over \$9,525 .....	10% of taxable income.
Over \$9,525 but not over \$38,700 .....	\$952.50, plus 12% of the excess over \$9,525.

**“If taxable income is:****The tax is:**

Over \$38,700 but not over \$82,500 .....	\$4,453.50, plus 22% of the excess over \$38,700.
Over \$82,500 but not over \$157,500 .....	\$14,089.50, plus 24% of the excess over \$82,500.
Over \$157,500 but not over \$200,000 .....	\$32,089.50, plus 32% of the excess over \$157,500.
Over \$200,000 but not over \$500,000 .....	\$45,689.50, plus 35% of the excess over \$200,000.
Over \$500,000 .....	\$150,689.50, plus 37% of the excess over \$500,000.”.

1 (d) MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING SEPARATE RE-  
2 TURNS.—The table contained in subsection (d) of section  
3 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to  
4 read as follows:

**“If taxable income is:****The tax is:**

Not over \$9,525 .....	10% of taxable income.
Over \$9,525 but not over \$38,700 .....	\$952.50, plus 12% of the excess over \$9,525.
Over \$38,700 but not over \$82,500 .....	\$4,453.50, plus 22% of the excess over \$38,700.
Over \$82,500 but not over \$157,500 .....	\$14,089.50, plus 24% of the excess over \$82,500.
Over \$157,500 but not over \$200,000 .....	\$32,089.50, plus 32% of the excess over \$157,500.
Over \$200,000 but not over \$300,000 .....	\$45,689.50, plus 35% of the excess over \$200,000.
Over \$300,000 .....	\$80,689.50, plus 37% of the excess over \$300,000.”.

5 (e) ESTATES AND TRUSTS.—The table contained in  
6 subsection (e) of section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code  
7 of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

**“If taxable income is:****The tax is:**

Not over \$2,550 .....	10% of taxable income.
Over \$2,550 but not over \$9,150 .....	\$255, plus 24% of the excess over \$2,550.
Over \$9,150 but not over \$12,500 .....	\$1,839, plus 35% of the excess over \$9,150.
Over \$12,500 .....	\$3,011.50, plus 37% of the excess over \$12,500.”.

1 (f) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—Subsection (f) of  
 2 section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
 3 ed—

4 (1) by striking “1993” in paragraph (1) and in-  
 5 serting “2018”,

6 (2) by striking “1992” in paragraph (2)(A)(i)  
 7 and inserting “2017”,

8 (3) by striking “a married individual filing a  
 9 separate return” in paragraph (7)(B) and inserting  
 10 “any unmarried individual other than a surviving  
 11 spouse or head of household”,

12 (4) by striking “MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING  
 13 SEPARATELY” in the heading of subparagraph (B) of  
 14 paragraph (7) and inserting “CERTAIN UNMARRIED  
 15 INDIVIDUALS”, and

16 (5) by striking paragraph (8).

17 (g) SPECIAL RULES FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN WITH  
 18 UNEARNED INCOME.—Subsection (g) of section 1 of the  
 19 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

20 (1) by striking paragraphs (1), (3), and (5),

21 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (6), and  
 22 (7) as paragraphs (5), (7), and (8), respectively,

23 (3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
 24 graph (6) and by moving such paragraph to the po-

1       sition between paragraphs (5) and (7) (as so rededesignated),

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3           (4) by inserting before paragraph (5) (as so redesignated) the following new paragraphs:

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5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a child to whom this subsection applies for the taxable year, the amount of tax imposed by this section on such child shall be determined as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3).

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10          “(2) MODIFICATIONS TO APPLICABLE RATE BRACKETS.—The income tax table otherwise applicable under this section to the child shall be applied with the following modifications:

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14           “(A) 24-PERCENT BRACKET.—The maximum taxable income which is taxed at a rate below 24 percent shall not be more than the sum of—

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18           “(i) the earned taxable income of such child, plus

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20           “(ii) the minimum taxable income for the 24-percent bracket in the table under subsection (e) (as adjusted under subsection (f)) for the taxable year.

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24           “(B) 35-PERCENT BRACKET.—The maximum taxable income which is taxed at a rate

1 below 35 percent shall not be more than the  
 2 sum of—

3 “(i) the earned taxable income of such  
 4 child, plus

5 “(ii) the minimum taxable income for  
 6 the 35-percent bracket in the table under  
 7 subsection (e) (as adjusted under sub-  
 8 section (f)) for the taxable year.

9 “(C) 37-PERCENT BRACKET.—The max-  
 10 imum taxable income which is taxed at a rate  
 11 below 37 percent shall not be more than the  
 12 sum of—

13 “(i) the earned taxable income of such  
 14 child, plus

15 “(ii) the minimum taxable income for  
 16 the 37-percent bracket in the table under  
 17 subsection (e) (as adjusted under sub-  
 18 section (f)) for the taxable year.

19 “(3) COORDINATION WITH CAPITAL GAINS  
 20 RATES.—For purposes of applying subsection (h)—

21 “(A) the maximum zero rate amount shall  
 22 not be more than the sum of—

23 “(i) the earned taxable income of such  
 24 child, plus

1 “(ii) the amount in effect under sub-  
 2 section (h)(12)(A)(iv) for the taxable year,  
 3 and

4 “(B) the maximum 15-percent rate  
 5 amount shall not be more than the sum of—

6 “(i) the earned taxable income of such  
 7 child, plus

8 “(ii) the amount in effect under sub-  
 9 section (h)(12)(B)(iv) for the taxable year.

10 “(4) EARNED TAXABLE INCOME.—For purposes  
 11 of this subsection, the term ‘earned taxable income’  
 12 means, with respect to any child for any taxable  
 13 year, the taxable income of such child reduced (but  
 14 not below zero) by the net unearned income of such  
 15 child.”, and

16 (5) by striking “paragraph (4)(A)(ii)(I)” each  
 17 place it appears in subparagraphs (A)(ii), (B)(i),  
 18 and (B)(ii)(II) of paragraph (8) (as so redesignated)  
 19 and inserting “paragraph (5)(A)(ii)(I)”.

20 (h) CAPITAL GAINS BRACKETS.—Subsection (h) of  
 21 section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
 22 ed—

23 (1) by striking “which would (without regard to  
 24 this paragraph) be taxed at a rate below 25 percent”

1 in paragraph (1)(B)(i) and inserting “below the  
2 maximum zero rate amount”,

3 (2) by striking “which would (without regard to  
4 this paragraph) be taxed at a rate below 39.6 per-  
5 cent” in paragraph (1)(C)(ii)(I) and inserting  
6 “below the maximum 15-percent rate amount”, and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
8 paragraph:

9 “(12) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS DEFINED.—For pur-  
10 poses of this subsection—

11 “(A) MAXIMUM ZERO RATE AMOUNT.—The  
12 maximum zero rate amount shall be—

13 “(i) in the case of a joint return or  
14 surviving spouse, \$77,200,

15 “(ii) in the case of an individual who  
16 is a head of household (as defined in sec-  
17 tion 2(b)), \$51,700,

18 “(iii) in the case of any other indi-  
19 vidual (other than an estate or trust), an  
20 amount equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the amount in effect  
21 for the taxable year under clause (i), and

22 “(iv) in the case of an estate or trust,  
23 \$2,600.



1           “(B)    MAXIMUM    15-PERCENT    RATE  
2           AMOUNT.—The   maximum    15-percent    rate  
3           amount shall be—

4                   “(i) in the case of a joint return or  
5                   surviving spouse, \$479,000 (½ such  
6                   amount in the case of a married individual  
7                   filing a separate return),

8                   “(ii) in the case of an individual who  
9                   is the head of a household (as defined in  
10                  section 2(b)), \$452,400,

11                  “(iii) in the case of any other indi-  
12                  vidual (other than an estate or trust),  
13                  \$425,800, and

14                  “(iv) in the case of an estate or trust,  
15                  \$12,700.

16           “(C)   INFLATION   ADJUSTMENT.—In the  
17           case of any taxable year beginning after 2018,  
18           each of the dollar amounts in subparagraphs  
19           (A) and (B) shall be increased by an amount  
20           equal to—

21                   “(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by

22                   “(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment de-  
23                   termined under subsection (f)(3) for the  
24                   calendar year in which the taxable year be-  
25                   gins, determined by substituting ‘calendar

1                   year 2017’ for ‘calendar year 2016’ in sub-  
2                   paragraph (A)(ii) thereof.

3                   If any increase under this subparagraph is not  
4                   a multiple of \$50, such increase shall be round-  
5                   ed to the next lowest multiple of \$50.”.

6           (i) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7                   (1) Section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
8                   1986 is amended by striking subsections (i) and (j).

9                   (2) Section 3402(q)(1) of such Code is amend-  
10                  ed by striking “third lowest” and inserting “fourth  
11                  lowest”.

12           (j) SECTION 15 NOT TO APPLY.—Section 15 of the  
13           Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not apply to any  
14           change in a rate of tax by reason of this section.

15           (k) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16           this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
17           December 31, 2018.

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