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[Report No. 117-283, Part I]

To increase retirement savings, simplify and clarify retirement plan rules, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 4, 2021

Mr. Neal (for himself and Mr. Brady) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

March 29, 2022

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March 29, 2022

Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means with an amendment [Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

March 29, 2022

Committees on Financial Services and Education and Labor discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 4, 2021]

A BILL

To increase retirement savings, simplify and clarify retirement plan rules, and for other purposes.

- 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the "Se-
- 5 curing a Strong Retirement Act of 2021".
- 6 (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for
- 7 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—EXPANDING COVERAGE AND INCREASING RETIREMENT SAVINGS

- Sec. 101. Expanding automatic enrollment in retirement plans.
- Sec. 102. Modification of credit for small employer pension plan startup costs.
- Sec. 103. Promotion of Saver's Credit.
- Sec. 104. Enhancement of 403(b) plans.
- Sec. 105. Increase in age for required beginning date for mandatory distributions.
- Sec. 106. Indexing IRA catch-up limit.
- Sec. 107. Higher catch-up limit to apply at age 62, 63, and 64.
- Sec. 108. Multiple employer 403(b) plans.
- Sec. 109. Treatment of student loan payments as elective deferrals for purposes of matching contributions.
- Sec. 110. Application of credit for small employer pension plan startup costs to employers which join an existing plan.
- Sec. 111. Military spouse retirement plan eligibility credit for small employers.
- Sec. 112. Small immediate financial incentives for contributing to a plan.
- Sec. 113. Safe harbor for corrections of employee elective deferral failures.
- Sec. 114. One-year reduction in period of service requirement for long-term, parttime workers.
- Sec. 115. Findings relating to S corporation ESOPs.

TITLE II—PRESERVATION OF INCOME

- Sec. 201. Remove required minimum distribution barriers for life annuities.
- Sec. 202. Qualifying longevity annuity contracts.
- Sec. 203. Insurance-dedicated exchange-traded funds.

TITLE III—SIMPLIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF RETIREMENT PLAN RULES

- Sec. 301. Recovery of retirement plan overpayments.
- Sec. 302. Reduction in excise tax on certain accumulations in qualified retirement plans.
- Sec. 303. Performance benchmarks for asset allocation funds.
- Sec. 304. Review and report to the Congress relating to reporting and disclosure requirements.
- Sec. 305. Eliminating unnecessary plan requirements related to unenrolled participants.

- Sec. 306. Retirement savings lost and found.
- Sec. 307. Expansion of Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System.
- Sec. 308. Eliminate the "first day of the month" requirement for governmental section 457(b) plans.
- Sec. 309. One-time election for qualified charitable distribution to split-interest entity; increase in qualified charitable distribution limitation.
- Sec. 310. Distributions to firefighters.
- Sec. 311. Exclusion of certain disability-related first responder retirement payments.
- Sec. 312. Individual retirement plan statute of limitations for excise tax on excess contributions and certain accumulations.
- Sec. 313. Requirement to provide paper statements in certain cases.
- Sec. 314. Separate application of top heavy rules to defined contribution plans covering excludible employees.
- Sec. 315. Repayment of qualified birth or adoption distribution limited to 3 uears.
- Sec. 316. Employer may rely on employee certifying that deemed hardship distribution conditions are met.
- Sec. 317. Penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals in case of domestic abuse.
- Sec. 318. Reform of family attribution rule.
- Sec. 319. Amendments to increase benefit accruals under plan for previous plan year allowed until employer tax return due date.
- Sec. 320. Retroactive first year elective deferrals for sole proprietors.
- Sec. 321. Limiting cessation of IRA treatment to portion of account involved in a prohibited transaction.

TITLE IV—TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Sec. 401. Amendments relating to Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019.

TITLE V—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Sec. 501. Provisions relating to plan amendments.

TITLE VI—REVENUE PROVISIONS

- Sec. 601. Simple and SEP Roth IRAs.
- Sec. 602. Hardship withdrawal rules for 403(b) plans.
- Sec. 603. Elective deferrals generally limited to regular contribution limit.
- Sec. 604. Optional treatment of employer matching contributions as Roth contributions.

1	TITLE I—EXPANDING COVERAGE
2	AND INCREASING RETIRE-
3	MENT SAVINGS
4	SEC. 101. EXPANDING AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN RE-
5	TIREMENT PLANS.
6	(a) In General.—Subpart B of part I of subchapter
7	D of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
8	amended by inserting after section 414 the following new
9	section:
10	"SEC. 414A. REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO AUTOMATIC EN-
11	ROLLMENT.
12	"(a) In General.—Except as otherwise provided in
13	this section—
14	"(1) an arrangement shall not be treated as a
15	qualified cash or deferred arrangement described in
16	section 401(k) unless such arrangement meets the
17	automatic enrollment requirements of subsection (b),
18	and
19	"(2) an annuity contract otherwise described in
20	section 403(b)(1) which is purchased under a salary
21	reduction agreement shall not be treated as described
22	in such section unless such agreement meets the auto-
23	matic enrollment requirements of subsection (b).
24	"(b) Automatic Enrollment Requirements —

"(1) In GENERAL.—An arrangement or agreement meets the requirements of this subsection if such arrangement or agreement is an eligible automatic contribution arrangement (as defined in section 414(w)(3)) which meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) through (4).

"(2) Allowance of Permissible with-Drawals.—An eligible automatic contribution arrangement meets the requirements of this paragraph if such arrangement allows employees to make permissible withdrawals (as defined in section 414(w)(2)).

"(3) Minimum contribution percentage.—

"(A) In general.—An eligible automatic contribution arrangement meets the requirements of this paragraph if—

"(i) the uniform percentage of compensation contributed by the participant under such arrangement during the first year of participation is not less than 3 percent and not more than 10 percent (unless the participant specifically elects not to have such contributions made or to have such contributions made at a different percentage), and

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"(ii) effective for the first day of each 1 2 plan year starting after each completed year of participation under such arrange-3 4 ment such uniform percentage is increased 5 by 1 percentage point (to at least 10 per-6 cent, but not more than 15 percent) unless 7 the participant specifically elects not to 8 have such contributions made or to have 9 such contributions made at a different per-10 centage.

> "(B) Initial reduced ceiling for certain plans.—In the case of any arrangement to which this section applies (other than an arrangement that meets the requirements of paragraph (12) or (13) of section 401(k)), for plan years ending before January 1, 2025, subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be applied by substituting '10 percent' for '15 percent'.

"(4) Investment requirements.—An eligible automatic contribution arrangement meets the requirements of this paragraph if amounts contributed pursuant to such arrangement, and for which no investment is elected by the participant, are invested consistent with the requirements of section 2550.404c-

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1	5 of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
2	$cessor\ regulations).$
3	"(c) Exceptions.—For purposes of this section—
4	"(1) SIMPLE PLANS.—Subsection (a) shall not
5	apply to any simple plan (within the meaning of sec-
6	$tion \ 401(k)(11)).$
7	"(2) Exception for plans or arrangements
8	ESTABLISHED BEFORE ENACTMENT OF SECTION.—
9	"(A) In general.—Subsection (a) shall not
10	apply to—
11	"(i) any qualified cash or deferred ar-
12	rangement established before the date of the
13	enactment of this section, or
14	"(ii) any annuity contract purchased
15	under a plan established before the date of
16	the enactment of this section.
17	"(B) Post-enactment adoption of mul-
18	TIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN.—Subparagraph (A)
19	shall not apply in the case of an employer adopt-
20	ing after such date of enactment a plan main-
21	tained by more than one employer, and sub-
22	section (a) shall apply with respect to such em-
23	ployer as if such plan were a single plan.
24	"(3) Exception for governmental and
25	Church plans.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to

1	any governmental plan (within the meaning of sec-
2	tion 414(d)) or any church plan (within the meaning
3	of section $414(e)$).
4	"(4) Exception for New and small busi-
5	NESSES.—
6	"(A) New Business.—Subsection (a) shall
7	not apply to any qualified cash or deferred ar-
8	rangement, or any annuity contract purchased
9	under a plan, while the employer maintaining
10	such plan (and any predecessor employer) has
11	been in existence for less than 3 years.
12	"(B) Small businesses.—Subsection (a)
13	shall not apply to any qualified cash or deferred
14	arrangement, any annuity contract purchased
15	under a plan, earlier than the date that is 1
16	year after the close of the first taxable year with
17	respect to which the employer maintaining the
18	plan normally employed more than 10 employ-
19	ees.
20	"(C) Treatment of multiple employer
21	PLANS.—In the case of a plan maintained by
22	more than 1 employer, subparagraphs (A) and

(B) shall be applied separately with respect to

each such employer, and all such employers to

which subsection (a) applies (after the applica-

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1	tion of this paragraph) shall be treated as main-
2	taining a separate plan for purposes of this sec-
3	tion.".
4	(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections for
5	subpart B of part I of subchapter D of chapter 1 of the
6	Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting
7	after the item relating to section 414 the following new item:
	"Sec. 414A. Requirements related to automatic enrollment.".
8	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
9	section shall apply to plan years beginning after December
10	31, 2022.
11	SEC. 102. MODIFICATION OF CREDIT FOR SMALL EMPLOYER
12	PENSION PLAN STARTUP COSTS.
13	(a) Increase in Credit Percentage for Smaller
14	Employers.—Section 45E(e) of the Internal Revenue Code
15	of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new
16	paragraph:
17	"(4) Increased credit for certain small
18	EMPLOYERS.—In the case of an employer which
19	would be an eligible employer under subsection (c) if
20	section $408(p)(2)(C)(i)$ was applied by substituting
21	'50 employees' for '100 employees', subsection (a) shall
22	be applied by substituting '100 percent' for '50 per-

24 (b) Additional Credit for Employer Contribu-

25 Tions by Certain Small Employers.—Section 45E of

cent'.".

1	such Code, as amended by subsection (a), is amended by
2	adding at the end the following new subsection:
3	"(f) Additional Credit for Employer Contribu-
4	TIONS BY CERTAIN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS.—
5	"(1) In general.—In the case of an eligible em-
6	ployer, the credit allowed for the taxable year under
7	subsection (a) (determined without regard to this sub-
8	section) shall be increased by an amount equal to the
9	applicable percentage of employer contributions (other
0	than any elective deferrals (as defined in section
11	402(g)(3)) by the employer to an eligible employer
12	plan (other than a defined benefit plan (as defined in
13	$section \ 414(j))).$
14	"(2) Limitations.—
15	"(A) DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The amount
16	determined under paragraph (1) (before the ap-
17	plication of subparagraph (B)) with respect to
18	any employee of the employer shall not exceed
19	\$1,000.
20	"(B) CREDIT PHASE-IN.—In the case of any
21	eligible employer which had for the preceding
22	taxable year more than 50 employees, the
23	amount determined under paragraph (1) (with-
24	out regard to this subparagraph) shall be reduced
25	by an amount equal to the product of—

1	"(i) the amount otherwise so deter-
2	mined under paragraph (1), multiplied by
3	"(ii) a percentage equal to 2 percent-
4	age points for each employee of the employer
5	for the preceding taxable year in excess of
6	50 employees.
7	"(3) Applicable percentage.—For purposes
8	of this section, the applicable percentage for the tax-
9	able year during which the eligible employer plan is
10	established with respect to the eligible employer shall
11	be 100 percent, and for taxable years thereafter shall
12	be determined under the following table: "In the case of the following The applicable percentage shall
	taxable year beginning be: after the taxable year during which plan is established with respect to the eligible employer: 1st 100% 2nd 75% 3rd 50% 4th 25% Any taxable year thereafter 0%
13	after the taxable year during which plan is established with respect to the eligible employer: 1st
13 14	after the taxable year during which plan is established with respect to the eligible employer: 1st
	after the taxable year during which plan is established with respect to the eligible employer: 1st
14	after the taxable year during which plan is established with respect to the eligible employer: 1st 100% 2nd 75% 3rd 50% 4th 25% Any taxable year thereafter 0% "(4) Determination of eligible employer; Number of employees.—For purposes of this sub-
14 15	after the taxable year during which plan is established with respect to the eligible employer: 1st
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1	to which this section applies is established with re-
2	spect to the eligible employer.".
3	(c) DISALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—Section
4	45E(e)(2) of such Code is amended to read as follows:
5	"(2) Disallowance of Deduction.—No deduc-
6	tion shall be allowed—
7	"(A) for that portion of the qualified start-
8	up costs paid or incurred for the taxable year
9	which is equal to so much of the portion of the
10	credit determined under subsection (a) as is
11	properly allocable to such costs, and
12	"(B) for that portion of the employer con-
13	tributions by the employer for the taxable year
14	which is equal to so much of the credit increase
15	determined under subsection (f) as is properly
16	allocable to such contributions.".
17	(d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
18	section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-
19	ber 31, 2021.
20	SEC. 103. PROMOTION OF SAVER'S CREDIT.
21	(a) In General.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall
22	take such steps as the Secretary determines are necessary
23	and appropriate to increase public awareness of the credit
24	provided under section 25B of the Internal Revenue Code
25	of 1986.

1	(b) Report to Congress.—
2	(1) In general.—Not later than 90 days after
3	the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
4	shall provide a report to Congress to summarize the
5	anticipated promotion efforts of the Treasury under
6	subsection (a).
7	(2) Contents.—Such report shall include—
8	(A) a description of plans for—
9	(i) the development and distribution of
10	digital and print materials, including the
11	distribution of such materials to States for
12	participants in State facilitated retirement
13	savings programs, and
14	(ii) the translation of such materials
15	into the 10 most commonly spoken lan-
16	guages in the United States after English
17	(as determined by reference to the most re-
18	cent American Community Survey of the
19	Bureau of the Census), and
20	(B) such other information as the Secretary
21	determines is necessary
22	SEC. 104. ENHANCEMENT OF 403(b) PLANS.
23	(a) In General.—
24	(1) PERMITTED INVESTMENTS.—Section
25	403(b)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is

amended by striking "if the amounts are to be invested in regulated investment company stock to be held in that custodial account" and inserting "if the amounts are to be held in that custodial account and invested in regulated investment company stock or a group trust intended to satisfy the requirements of Internal Revenue Service Revenue Ruling 81–100 (or any successor guidance)".

- (2) Conforming amendment.—The heading of paragraph (7) of section 403(b) of such Code is amended by striking "For regulated investment company stock".
- 13 (3) Effective date.—The amendments made 14 by this subsection shall apply to amounts invested 15 after December 31, 2021.
- 16 (b) AMENDMENTS TO THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT
 17 OF 1940.—Section 3(c)(11) of the Investment Company Act
 18 of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3(c)(11)) is amended to read as
 19 follows:
- 20 "(11) Any—

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21 "(A) employee's stock bonus, pension, or 22 profit-sharing trust which meets the require-23 ments for qualification under section 401 of the 24 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

1	"(B) custodial account meeting the require-
2	ments of section 403(b)(7) of such Code;
3	"(C) governmental plan described in section
4	3(a)(2)(C) of the Securities Act of 1933;
5	"(D) collective trust fund maintained by a
6	bank consisting solely of assets of one or more—
7	"(i) trusts described in subparagraph
8	(A);
9	"(ii) government plans described in
10	$subparagraph\ (C);$
11	"(iii) church plans, companies, or ac-
12	counts that are excluded from the definition
13	of an investment company under paragraph
14	(14) of this subsection; or
15	"(iv) plans which meet the require-
16	ments of section 403(b) of the Internal Rev-
17	enue Code of 1986 if—
18	"(I) such plan is subject to title I
19	of the Employee Retirement Income
20	Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001
21	$et \ seq.);$
22	"(II) any employer making such
23	plan available agrees to serve as a fi-
24	duciary for the plan with respect to the
25	selection of the plan's investments

1	among which participants can choose;
2	or
3	"(III) such plan is a govern-
4	mental plan (as defined in section
5	414(d) of such Code); or
6	"(E) separate account the assets of which
7	are derived solely from—
8	"(i) contributions under pension or
9	profit-sharing plans which meet the require-
10	ments of section 401 of the Internal Revenue
11	Code of 1986 or the requirements for deduc-
12	tion of the employer's contribution under
13	section $404(a)(2)$ of such Code;
14	"(ii) contributions under governmental
15	plans in connection with which interests,
16	participations, or securities are exempted
17	from the registration provisions of section 5
18	of the Securities Act of 1933 by section
19	3(a)(2)(C) of such Act ;
20	"(iii) advances made by an insurance
21	company in connection with the operation
22	of such separate account; and
23	"(iv) contributions to a plan described
24	$in\ subparagraph\ (D)(iv)$.".

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        (c) Amendments to the Securities Act of 1933.—
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    Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C.
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        section 414(d) of such Code); or (E)";
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             (2) by striking "(C), or (D)" and inserting "(C),
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             (3) by striking "(iii) which is a plan funded"
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        and inserting "(iii) in the case of a plan not de-
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        (d) Amendments to the Securities Exchange
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    change Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(12)(C)) is amended—
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             (1) by striking "or (iv)" and inserting "(iv) a
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1 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 2 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001 et seg.), (II) any employer 3 making such plan available agrees to serve as a fidu-4 ciary for the plan with respect to the selection of the 5 plan's investments among which participants can 6 choose, or (III) such plan is a governmental plan (as 7 defined in section 414(d) of such Code), or (v)": 8 (2) by striking "(ii), or (iii)" and inserting 9 "(ii), (iii), or (iv)"; and 10 (3) by striking "(II) is a plan funded" and in-11 serting "(II) in the case of a plan not described in 12 clause (iv), is a plan funded". 13 SEC. 105. INCREASE IN AGE FOR REQUIRED BEGINNING 14 DATE FOR MANDATORY DISTRIBUTIONS. 15 (a) In General.—Section 401(a)(9)(C)(i)(I) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "age 17 72" and inserting "the applicable age". 18 (b) Spouse Beneficiaries; Special Rule for 19 OWNERS.—Subparagraphs (B)(iv)(I) and (C)(ii)(I) of sec-20 tion 401(a)(9) of such Code are each amended by striking 21 "age 72" and inserting "the applicable age". 22 (c) APPLICABLE AGE.—Section 401(a)(9)(C) of such 23 Code is amended by adding at the end the following new 24 clause:

"(v) Applicable age.—

1	"(I) In the case of an individual
2	who attains age 72 after December 31,
3	2021, and age 73 before January 1,
4	2029, the applicable age is 73.
5	"(II) In the case of an individual
6	who attains age 73 after December 31,
7	2028, and age 74 before January 1,
8	2032, the applicable age is 74.
9	"(III) In the case of an individual
10	who attains age 74 after December 31,
11	2031, the applicable age is 75.".
12	(d) Conforming Amendments.—The last sentence of
13	section 408(b) of such Code is amended by striking "age
14	72" and inserting "the applicable age (determined under
15	section $401(a)(9)(C)(v)$ for the calendar year in which such
16	taxable year begins)".
17	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
18	section shall apply to distributions required to be made
19	after December 31, 2021, with respect to individuals who
20	attain age 72 after such date.
21	SEC. 106. INDEXING IRA CATCH-UP LIMIT.
22	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (C) of section
23	219(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
24	by adding at the end the following new clause:

1	"(iii) Indexing of catch-up limita-
2	TION.—In the case of any taxable year be-
3	ginning in a calendar year after 2022, the
4	\$1,000 amount under subparagraph $(B)(ii)$
5	shall be increased by an amount equal to—
6	"(I) such dollar amount, multi-
7	$plied\ by$
8	"(II) the cost-of-living adjustment
9	determined under section $1(f)(3)$ for
10	the calendar year in which the taxable
11	year begins, determined by substituting
12	'calendar year 2021' for 'calendar year
13	2016' in subparagraph $(A)(ii)$ thereof.
14	If any amount after adjustment under the
15	preceding sentence is not a multiple of
16	\$100, such amount shall be rounded to the
17	next lower multiple of \$100.".
18	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
19	section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-
20	ber 31, 2022.
21	SEC. 107. HIGHER CATCH-UP LIMIT TO APPLY AT AGE 62, 63,
22	AND 64.
23	(a) In General.—
24	(1) Plans other than simple plans.—Sec-
25	tion $414(v)(2)(B)(i)$ of the Internal Revenue Code of

- 1 1986 is amended by inserting the following before the
- 2 period: "(\$10,000, in the case of an eligible partici-
- 3 pant who has attained age 62, but not age 65, before
- 4 the close of the taxable year)".
- 5 (2) SIMPLE PLANS.—Section 414(v)(2)(B)(ii) of
- 6 such Code is amended by inserting the following be-
- 7 fore the period: "(\$5,000, in the case of an eligible
- 8 participant who has attained age 62, but not age 65,
- 9 before the close of the taxable year)".
- 10 (b) Cost-of-living Adjustments.—Subparagraph
- 11 (C) of section 414(v)(2) of such Code is amended by adding
- 12 at the end the following: "In the case of a year beginning
- 13 after December 31, 2022, the Secretary shall adjust annu-
- 14 ally the \$10,000 amount in subparagraph (B)(i) and the
- 15 \$5,000 amount in subparagraph (B)(ii) for increases in the
- 16 cost-of-living at the same time and in the same manner as
- 17 adjustments under the preceding sentence; except that the
- 18 base period taken into account shall be the calendar quarter
- 19 beginning July 1, 2021.".
- 20 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
- 21 section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-
- 22 ber 31, 2022.

1 SEC. 108. MULTIPLE EMPLOYER 403(b) PLANS.

2	(a) In General.—Section 403(b) of the Internal Rev-
3	enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
4	following new paragraph:
5	"(15) Multiple employer plans.—
6	"(A) In general.—Except in the case of a
7	church plan, this subsection shall not be treated
8	as failing to apply to an annuity contract solely
9	by reason of such contract being purchased under
10	a plan maintained by more than 1 employer.
11	"(B) Treatment of employers failing
12	TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF PLAN.—
13	"(i) In general.—In the case of a
14	plan maintained by more than 1 employer,
15	this subsection shall not be treated as fail-
16	ing to apply to an annuity contract held
17	under such plan merely because of one or
18	more employers failing to meet the require-
19	ments of this subsection if such plan satis-
20	fies rules similar to the rules of section
21	413(e)(2) with respect to any such employer
22	failure.
23	"(ii) Additional requirements in
24	Case of non-governmental plans.—A
25	plan shall not be treated as meeting the re-
26	auirements of this subparagraph unless the

- plan meets the requirements of subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 413(e)(1), except

 in the case of a multiple employer plan
 maintained solely by any of the following:

 A State, a political subdivision of a State,
 or an agency or instrumentality of any one
 or more of the foregoing.".
- 8 (b) Annual Registration for 403(b) Multiple 9 Employer Plan.—Section 6057 of such Code is amended 10 by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by in-11 serting after subsection (f) the following new subsection:
- "(g) 403(b) MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLANS TREATED AS

 ONE PLAN.—In the case of annuity contracts to which this

 section applies and to which section 403(b) applies by rea
 son of the plan under which such contracts are purchased

 meeting the requirements of paragraph (15) thereof, such
- 17 plan shall be treated as a single plan for purposes of this 18 section.".
- 19 (c) Annual Information Returns for 403(b) Mul-
- 20 TIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN.—Section 6058 of the Internal Rev-
- 21 enue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection
- 22 (f) as subsection (g) and by inserting after subsection (e)
- 23 the following new subsection:
- 24 "(f) 403(b) Multiple Employer Plans Treated as
- 25 One Plan.—In the case of annuity contracts to which this

1	section applies and to which section 403(b) applies by rea-
2	son of the plan under which such contracts are purchased
3	meeting the requirements of paragraph (15) thereof, such
4	plan shall be treated as a single plan for purposes of this
5	section.".
6	(d) Amendments to Employee Retirement In-
7	COME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.—
8	(1) Treated as pooled employer plan.—
9	(A) In General.—Section 3(43)(A) of the
10	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of
11	1974 is amended—
12	(i) in clause (ii), by striking "section
13	501(a) of such Code or" and inserting
14	"501(a) of such Code, a plan that consists
15	of contracts described in section 403(b) of
16	such Code, or"; and
17	(ii) in the flush text at the end, by
18	striking "the plan." and inserting "the
19	plan, but such term shall include any pro-
20	gram (other than a governmental plan)
21	maintained for the benefit of the employees
22	of more than 1 employer that consists of
23	contracts described in section 403(b) of such
24	Code and that meets the requirements of

1	subparagraph (A) or (B) of section
2	413(e)(1) of such Code.".
3	(B) Conforming amendments.—Sections
4	3(43)(B)(v)(II) and $3(44)(A)(i)(I)$ of such Act
5	are each amended by striking "section 401(a) of
6	such Code or" and inserting "401(a) of such
7	Code, a plan that consists of contracts described
8	in section 403(b) of such Code, or".
9	(2) Fiduciaries.—Section 3(43)(B)(ii) of such
10	Act is amended—
11	(A) by striking "trustees meeting the re-
12	quirements of section $408(a)(2)$ of the Internal
13	Revenue Code of 1986" and inserting "trustees
14	(or other fiduciaries in the case of a plan that
15	consists of contracts described in section 403(b)
16	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) meeting
17	the requirements of section $408(a)(2)$ of such
18	Code", and
19	(B) by striking "holding" and inserting
20	"holding (or causing to be held under the terms
21	of a plan consisting of such contracts)".
22	(e) REGULATIONS RELATING TO PLAN TERMI-
23	NATION.—The Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's
24	designee) shall prescribe such regulations as may be nec-
25	essary to clarify the treatment of a plan termination by

- 1 an employer in the case of plans to which section 403(b)(15)
- 2 of such Code applies.
- 3 (f) Modification of Model Plan Language.
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- 5 (1) Plan notifications.—The Secretary of the 6 Treasury (or the Secretary's designee) shall modify 7 the model plan language published under section 8 413(e)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to in-9 clude language which notifies participating employers 10 described in section 501(c)(3), and which are exempt 11 from tax under section 501(a), that the plan is subject 12 to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 13 1974 and that such employer is a plan sponsor with 14 respect to its employees participating in the multiple 15 employer plan and, as such, has certain fiduciary du-16 ties with respect to the plan and to its employees.
 - (2) Model Plans for Multiple Employer 403(b) Non-Governmental Plans.—For plans to which section 403(b)(15)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 applies (other than a plan maintained for its employees by a State, a political subdivision of a State, or an agency or instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing) the Secretary shall publish model plan language similar to model plan language published under section 413(e)(5) of such Code.

1 (3) Educational outreach to employers ex-2 EMPT FROM TAX.—The Secretary shall provide edu-3 cation and outreach to increase awareness to employ-4 ers described in section 501(c)(3), and which are ex-5 empt from tax under section 501(a), that multiple 6 employer plans are subject to the Employee Retire-7 ment Income Security Act of 1974 and that such em-8 ployer is a plan sponsor with respect to its employees 9 participating in the multiple employer plan and, as 10 such, has certain fiduciary duties with respect to the 11 plan and to its employees. 12 (q) No Inference With Respect to Church PLANS.—Regarding any application of section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to an annuity contract pur-14 15 chased under a church plan (as defined in section 414(e) of such Code) maintained by more than 1 employer, or to 16 any application of rules similar to section 413(e) of such 18 Code to such a plan, no inference shall be made from section 19 403(b)(15)(A) of such Code (as added by this Act) not applying to such plans. 20 21 (h) Effective Date.— 22 (1) In General.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after 23 24 December 31, 2021.

1	(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the
2	amendments made by subsection (a) shall be con-
3	strued as limiting the authority of the Secretary of
4	the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate (determined
5	without regard to such amendment) to provide for the
6	proper treatment of a failure to meet any requirement
7	applicable under such Code with respect to one em-
8	ployer (and its employees) in the case of a plan to
9	which section $403(b)(15)$ applies.
10	SEC. 109. TREATMENT OF STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS AS
11	ELECTIVE DEFERRALS FOR PURPOSES OF
12	MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.
13	(a) In General.—Section 401(m)(4)(A) of the Inter-
14	nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "and"
15	at the end of clause (i), by striking the period at the end
16	of clause (ii) and inserting ", and", and by adding at the
17	end the following new clause:
18	"(iii) subject to the requirements of
19	paragraph (13), any employer contribution
20	made to a defined contribution plan on be-
21	half of an employee on account of a quali-
22	fied student loan payment.".
23	(b) Qualified Student Loan Payment.—Section
24	401(m)(4) of such Code is amended by adding at the end
25	the following new subparagraph:

1	"(D) QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAY-
2	MENT.—The term 'qualified student loan pay-
3	ment' means a payment made by an employee in
4	repayment of a qualified education loan (as de-
5	fined section $221(d)(1)$) incurred by the employee
6	to pay qualified higher education expenses, but
7	only—
8	"(i) to the extent such payments in the
9	aggregate for the year do not exceed an
10	amount equal to—
11	``(I) the limitation applicable
12	under section $402(g)$ for the year (or, if
13	lesser, the employee's compensation (as
14	defined in section $415(c)(3)$) for the
15	year), reduced by
16	"(II) the elective deferrals made
17	by the employee for such year, and
18	"(ii) if the employee certifies to the em-
19	ployer making the matching contribution
20	under this paragraph that such payment
21	has been made on such loan.
22	For purposes of this subparagraph, the term
23	'qualified higher education expenses' means the
24	cost of attendance (as defined in section 472 of
25	the Higher Education Act of 1965, as in effect on

1	the day before the date of the enactment of the
2	Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997) at an eligible edu-
3	cational institution (as defined in section
4	221(d)(2)).".
5	(c) Matching Contributions for Qualified Stu-
6	DENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—Section 401(m) of such Code is
7	amended by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph
8	(14), and by inserting after paragraph (12) the following
9	new paragraph:
10	"(13) Matching contributions for quali-
11	FIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—
12	"(A) In General.—For purposes of para-
13	graph (4)(A)(iii), an employer contribution
14	made to a defined contribution plan on account
15	of a qualified student loan payment shall be
16	treated as a matching contribution for purposes
17	of this title if—
18	"(i) the plan provides matching con-
19	tributions on account of elective deferrals at
20	the same rate as contributions on account of
21	qualified student loan payments,
22	"(ii) the plan provides matching con-
23	tributions on account of qualified student
24	loan payments only on behalf of employees

1	otherwise eligible to receive matching con-
2	tributions on account of elective deferrals,
3	"(iii) under the plan, all employees eli-
4	gible to receive matching contributions on
5	account of elective deferrals are eligible to
6	receive matching contributions on account
7	of qualified student loan payments, and
8	"(iv) the plan provides that matching
9	contributions on account of qualified stu-
10	dent loan payments vest in the same man-
11	ner as matching contributions on account of
12	elective deferrals.
13	"(B) Treatment for purposes of non-
14	DISCRIMINATION RULES, ETC.—
15	"(i) Nondiscrimination rules.—For
16	purposes of $subparagraph$ $(A)(iii)$, $sub-$
17	section (a)(4), and section 410(b), matching
18	contributions described in paragraph
19	(4)(A)(iii) shall not fail to be treated as
20	available to an employee solely because such
21	employee does not have debt incurred under
22	a qualified education loan (as defined in
23	section $221(d)(1)$).
24	"(ii) Student loan payments not
25	TREATED AS PLAN CONTRIBUTION.—Except

1	as provided in clause (iii), a qualified stu-
2	dent loan payment shall not be treated as a
3	contribution to a plan under this title.
4	"(iii) Matching contribution
5	RULES.—Solely for purposes of meeting the
6	requirements of paragraph $(11)(B)$ or (12)
7	of this subsection, or paragraph
8	(11)(B)(i)(II), (12)(B), or (13)(D) of sub-
9	section (k), a plan may treat a qualified
10	student loan payment as an elective deferral
11	or an elective contribution, whichever is ap-
12	plicable.
13	"(iv) Actual deferral percentage
14	TESTING.—In determining whether a plan
15	meets the requirements of subsection
16	(k)(3)(A)(ii) for a plan year, the plan may
17	apply the requirements of such subsection
18	separately with respect to all employees who
19	receive matching contributions described in
20	$paragraph \ (4)(A)(iii) \ for \ the \ plan \ year.$
21	"(C) Employer may rely on employee
22	CERTIFICATION.—The employer may rely on an
23	employee certification of payment under para-
24	$graph\ (4)(D)(ii)$.".

1	(d) SIMPLE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.—Section
2	408(p)(2) of such Code is amended by adding at the end
3	the following new subparagraph:
4	"(F) Matching contributions for
5	QUALIFIED STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.—
6	"(i) In general.—Subject to the rules
7	of clause (iii), an arrangement shall not fail
8	to be treated as meeting the requirements of
9	$subparagraph \ (A)(iii) \ solely \ because \ under$
10	the arrangement, solely for purposes of such
11	subparagraph, qualified student loan pay-
12	ments are treated as amounts elected by the
13	$employee \ under \ subparagraph \ (A)(i)(I) \ to$
14	the extent such payments do not exceed—
15	"(I) the applicable dollar amount
16	under subparagraph (E) (after appli-
17	cation of section $414(v)$) for the year
18	(or, if lesser, the employee's compensa-
19	tion (as defined in section $415(c)(3)$)
20	for the year), reduced by
21	"(II) any other amounts elected
22	by the employee under subparagraph
23	(A)(i)(I) for the year.

1	"(ii) Qualified student loan pay-
2	MENT.—For purposes of this subpara-
3	graph—
4	"(I) In General.—The term
5	'qualified student loan payment' means
6	a payment made by an employee in re-
7	payment of a qualified education loan
8	(as defined in section $221(d)(1)$) in-
9	curred by the employee to pay quali-
10	fied higher education expenses, but
11	only if the employee certifies to the em-
12	ployer making the matching contribu-
13	tion that such payment has been made
14	on such a loan.
15	"(II) Qualified higher edu-
16	CATION EXPENSES.—The term 'quali-
17	fied higher education expenses' has the
18	same meaning as when used in section
19	401(m)(4)(D).
20	"(iii) Applicable Rules.—Clause (i)
21	shall apply to an arrangement only if,
22	under the arrangement—
23	``(I) matching contributions on
24	account of qualified student loan pay-
25	ments are provided only on behalf of

1	employees otherwise eligible to elect
2	contributions under subparagraph
3	(A)(i)(I), and
4	"(II) all employees otherwise eligi-
5	ble to participate in the arrangement
6	are eligible to receive matching con-
7	tributions on account of qualified stu-
8	dent loan payments.".
9	(e) 403(b) Plans.—Section 403(b)(12)(A) of such Code
10	is amended by adding at the end the following: "The fact
11	that the employer offers matching contributions on account
12	of qualified student loan payments as described in section
13	401(m)(13) shall not be taken into account in determining
14	whether the arrangement satisfies the requirements of clause
15	(ii) (and any regulation thereunder).".
16	(f) 457(b) Plans.—Section 457(b) of such Code is
17	amended by adding at the end the following: "A plan which
18	is established and maintained by an employer which is de-
19	scribed in subsection (e)(1)(A) shall not be treated as failing
20	to meet the requirements of this subsection solely because
21	the plan, or another plan maintained by the employer
22	which meets the requirements of section 401(a) or 403(b),
23	provides for matching contributions on account of qualified
24	student loan payments as described in section $401(m)(13)$.".

- 1 (g) Regulatory Authority.—The Secretary shall 2 prescribe regulations for purposes of implementing the 3 amendments made by this section, including regulations—
- 4 (1) permitting a plan to make matching con-5 tributions for qualified student loan payments, as de-6 fined in sections 401(m)(4)(D) and 408(p)(2)(F) of 7 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this 8 section, at a different frequency than matching con-9 tributions are otherwise made under the plan, pro-10 vided that the frequency is not less than annually;
 - (2) permitting employers to establish reasonable procedures to claim matching contributions for such qualified student loan payments under the plan, including an annual deadline (not earlier than 3 months after the close of each plan year) by which a claim must be made; and
 - (3) promulgating model amendments which plans may adopt to implement matching contributions on such qualified student loan payments for purposes of sections 401(m), 408(p), 403(b), and 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 22 (h) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this 23 section shall apply to contributions made for plan years 24 beginning after December 31, 2021.

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1	SEC. 110. APPLICATION OF CREDIT FOR SMALL EMPLOYER
2	PENSION PLAN STARTUP COSTS TO EMPLOY-
3	ERS WHICH JOIN AN EXISTING PLAN.
4	(a) In General.—Section 45E(d)(3)(A) of the Inter-
5	nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "effective"
6	and inserting "effective with respect to the eligible em-
7	ployer".
8	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this
9	section shall apply to eligible employer plans which become
10	effective with respect to the eligible employer after the date
11	of the enactment of this Act.
12	SEC. 111. MILITARY SPOUSE RETIREMENT PLAN ELIGI-
13	BILITY CREDIT FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS.
14	(a) In General.—Subpart D of part IV of subchapter
15	A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
16	amended by adding at the end the following new section:
17	"SEC. 45U. MILITARY SPOUSE RETIREMENT PLAN ELIGI-
18	BILITY CREDIT FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS.
19	"(a) In General.—For purposes of section 38, in the
20	case of any eligible small employer, the military spouse re-
21	tirement plan eligibility credit determined under this sec-
22	tion for any taxable year is an amount equal to the sum
23	of—
24	"(1) \$250 with respect to each military spouse
25	who is an employee of such employer and who is eli-
26	gible to participate in an eligible defined contribution

- 39 1 plan of such employer at any time during such tax-2 able year, plus 3 "(2) so much of the contributions made by such 4 employer to all such plans with respect to such em-5 ployee during such taxable year as do not exceed 6 \$250. 7 "(b) Limitation.—An individual shall only be taken into account as a military spouse under subsection (a) for the taxable year which includes the date on which such individual began participating in the eligible defined contribu-10 tion plan of the employer and the 2 succeeding taxable
- 13 "(c) Eligible Small Employer.—For purposes of
- 14 this section—

years.

- 15 "(1) In general.—The term 'eligible small em-
- 16 ployer' means an eligible employer (as defined in sec-
- 17 $tion \ 408(p)(2)(C)(i)(I)).$
- 18 "(2) Application of 2-year grace period.—
- 19 A rule similar to the rule of section
- 20 408(p)(2)(C)(i)(II) shall apply for purposes of this
- 21 section.
- 22 "(d) Military Spouse.—For purposes of this sec-
- 23 *tion*—
- 24 "(1) In general.—The term 'military spouse'
- 25 means, with respect to any employer, any individual

1 who is married (within the meaning of section 7703 2 as of the first date that the employee is employed by 3 the employer) to an individual who is a member of 4 the uniformed services (as defined section 101(a)(5) of 5 title 10, United States Code). For purposes of this sec-6 tion, an employer may rely on an employee's certification that such employee's spouse is a member of the 7 8 uniformed services if such certification provides the 9 name, rank, and service branch of such spouse.

"(2) Exclusion of Highly compensated employer, the term Ployees.—With respect to any employer, the term 'military spouse' shall not include any individual if such individual is a highly compensated employee of such employer (within the meaning of section 414(q)).

15 "(e) Eligible Defined Contribution Plan.—For purposes of this section, the term 'eligible defined contribu-16 tion plan' means, with respect to any eligible small em-17 18 ployer, any defined contribution plan (as defined in section 19 414(i)) of such employer if, under the terms of such plan— 20 "(1) military spouses employed by such employer 21 are eligible to participate in such plan not later than 22 the date which is 2 months after the date on which

such individual begins employment with such em-

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1	"(2) military spouses who are eligible to partici-
2	pate in such plan—
3	"(A) are immediately eligible to receive an
4	amount of employer contributions under such
5	plan which is not less the amount of such con-
6	tributions that a similarly situated participant
7	who is not a military spouse would be eligible to
8	receive under such plan after 2 years of service,
9	and
10	"(B) immediately have a nonforfeitable
11	right to the employee's accrued benefit derived
12	from employer contributions under such plan.
13	"(f) Aggregation Rule.—All persons treated as a
14	single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m) or (o) of sec-
15	tion 414 shall be treated as one employer for purposes of
16	this section.".
17	(b) Credit Allowed as Part of General Busi-
18	NESS CREDIT.—Section 38(b) of such Code is amended by
19	striking "plus" at the end of paragraph (32), by striking
20	the period at the end of paragraph (33) and inserting ",
21	plus", and by adding at the end the following new para-
22	graph:
23	"(34) in the case of an eligible small employer
24	(as defined in section $45U(c)$), the military spouse re-

- 1 tirement plan eligibility credit determined under sec-
- tion 45U(a).".
- 3 (c) Specified Credit for Purposes of Certified
- 4 Professional Organizations.—Section 3511(d)(2) of
- 5 such Code is amended by redesignating subparagraphs (F),
- 6 (G), and (H) as subparagraphs (G), (H), and (I), respec-
- 7 tively, and by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
- 8 lowing new subparagraph:
- 9 "(F) section 45U (military spouse retire-
- 10 ment plan eligibility credit),".
- 11 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for
- 12 subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such
- 13 Code is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 14 *item*:

"Sec. 45U. Military spouse retirement plan eligibility credit for small employers"

- 15 (e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
- 16 section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date
- 17 of the enactment of this Act.
- 18 SEC. 112. SMALL IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR
- 19 **CONTRIBUTING TO A PLAN.**
- 20 (a) In General.—Subparagraph (A) of section
- 21 401(k)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
- 22 by inserting "(other than a de minimis financial incen-
- 23 tive)" after "any other benefit".

- 1 (b) Section 403(b) Plans.—Subparagraph (A) of sec-
- 2 tion 403(b)(12) of such Code, as amended by the preceding
- 3 provisions of this Act, is further amended by adding at the
- 4 end the following: "A plan shall not fail to satisfy clause
- 5 (ii) solely by reason of offering a de minimis financial in-
- 6 centive to employees to elect to have the employer make con-
- 7 tributions pursuant to a salary reduction agreement.".
- 8 (c) Exemption From Prohibited Transaction
- 9 Rules.—Subsection (d) of section 4975 of such Code is
- 10 amended by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (22),
- 11 by striking the period at the end of paragraph (23) and
- 12 inserting ", or", and by adding at the end the following
- 13 new paragraph:
- 14 "(24) the provision of a de minimis financial in-
- 15 centive described in section 401(k)(4)(A) or
- 16 403(b)(12)(A).".
- 17 (d) Amendment of Employee Retirement Income
- 18 Security Act of 1974.—Subsection (b) of section 408 of
- 19 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29
- 20 U.S.C. 1108(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 21 lowing new paragraph:
- 22 "(21) The provision of a de minimis financial
- incentive described in section 401(k)(4)(A) or
- 24 403(b)(12)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.".

1	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
2	section shall apply with respect to plan years beginning
3	after the date of enactment of this Act.
4	SEC. 113. SAFE HARBOR FOR CORRECTIONS OF EMPLOYEE
5	ELECTIVE DEFERRAL FAILURES.
6	(a) In General.—Section 414 of the Internal Revenue
7	Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following
8	new subsection:
9	"(aa) Correcting Automatic Contribution Er-
10	RORS.—
11	"(1) In general.—Any plan or arrangement
12	shall not fail to be treated as a plan described in sec-
13	tions 401(a), 403(b), 408, or 457(b), as applicable,
14	solely by reason of a corrected error.
15	"(2) Corrected error defined.—For pur-
16	poses of this subsection, the term 'corrected error'
17	means a reasonable administrative error in imple-
18	menting an automatic enrollment or automatic esca-
19	lation feature in accordance with the terms of an eli-
20	gible automatic contribution arrangement (as defined
21	under subsection $(w)(3)$, provided that such imple-
22	mentation error—
23	"(A) is corrected by the date that is $9^{1/2}$
24	months after the end of the plan year during
25	which the failure occurred,

1	"(B) is corrected in a manner that is favor-
2	able to the participant, and
3	"(C) is of a type which is so corrected for
4	all similarly situated participants in a non-
5	discriminatory manner.
6	Such correction may occur before or after the partici-
7	pant has terminated employment and may occur
8	without regard to whether the error is identified by
9	the Secretary.
10	"(3) Regulations and guidance for favor-
11	ABLE CORRECTION METHODS.—The Secretary shall,
12	by regulations or other guidance of general applica-
13	bility, specify the correction methods that are in a
14	manner favorable to the participant for purposes of
15	paragraph (2)(B).".
16	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this
17	section shall apply with respect to any errors with respect
18	to which the date referred to in section 414(aa) (as added
19	by this section) is after the date of enactment of this Act.
20	SEC. 114. ONE-YEAR REDUCTION IN PERIOD OF SERVICE
21	REQUIREMENT FOR LONG-TERM, PART-TIME
22	WORKERS.
23	(a) In General.—Section 401(k)(2)(D)(ii) of the In-
24	ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "3"
25	and insertina "2".

(b) Clarification of Prior Service for Purposes 1 OF VESTING RULES.—Section 112(b) of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 is amended by striking "section 401(k)(2)(D)(ii)" and inserting "paragraphs (2)(D)(ii) and (15)(B)(iii) of section 6 401(k)". 7 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this 8 section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of section 112 of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019. 10 SEC. 115. FINDINGS RELATING TO S CORPORATION ESOPs. 12 Congress finds the following: 13 (1) On January 1, 1998, nearly 25 years after 14 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 15 1974 was enacted and the employee stock ownership 16 plan (hereafter in this section referred to as an 17 "ESOP") was created, employees were first permitted 18 to be owners of subchapter S corporations pursuant to 19 the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (Pub-20 lic Law 104–188). 21 (2) With the passage of the Taxpayer Relief Act 22 of 1997 (Public Law 105-34), Congress designed in-23 centives to encourage businesses to become ESOP-

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- 1 (3) Since that time, several thousand companies 2 have become ESOP-owned S corporations, creating an 3 ownership interest for several million Americans in 4 companies in every State in the country, in indus-5 tries ranging from heavy manufacturing to construc-6 tion and contracting to services.
 - (4) Every United States worker who is an employee-owner of an S corporation company through an ESOP has a valuable qualified retirement savings account.
 - (5) Recent studies have shown that employees of ESOP-owned S corporations enjoy greater job stability, wages and benefits than employees of comparable companies; and ESOP companies are better able to weather economic downturns.
 - (6) Studies also show that employee-owners of S corporation ESOP companies have amassed meaningful retirement savings through their ESOP accounts that will give them the means to retire with dignity.
 - (7) It is the goal of Congress to preserve and foster employee ownership of S corporations through ESOPs.

TITLE II—PRESERVATION OF 1 **INCOME** 2 SEC. 201. REMOVE REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION 4 BARRIERS FOR LIFE ANNUITIES. 5 (a) In General.—Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph: 7 8 "(J) CERTAIN INCREASES IN PAYMENTS 9 UNDER A COMMERCIAL ANNUITY.—Nothing in 10 this section shall prohibit a commercial annuity 11 (within the meaning of section 3405(e)(6)) that 12 is issued in connection with any eligible retire-13 ment plan (within the meaning of section 14 402(c)(8)(B), other than a defined benefit plan) 15 from providing one or more of the following 16 types of payments on or after the annuity start-17 ing date: 18 "(i) annuity payments that increase 19 by a constant percentage, applied not less 20 frequently than annually, at a rate that is 21 less than 5 percent per year, 22 "(ii) a lump sum payment that— 23 "(I) results in a shortening of the 24 payment period with respect to an an-25 nuity or a full or partial commutation

1	of the future annuity payments, pro-
2	vided that such lump sum is deter-
3	mined using reasonable actuarial
4	methods and assumptions, as deter-
5	mined in good faith by the issuer of the
6	contract, or
7	"(II) accelerates the receipt of an-
8	nuity payments that are scheduled to
9	be received within the ensuing 12
10	months, regardless of whether such ac-
11	celeration shortens the payment period
12	with respect to the annuity, reduces the
13	dollar amount of benefits to be paid
14	under the contract, or results in a sus-
15	pension of annuity payments during
16	the period being accelerated,
17	"(iii) an amount which is in the na-
18	ture of a dividend or similar distribution,
19	provided that the issuer of the contract de-
20	termines such amount based on a reasonable
21	comparison of the actuarial factors assumed
22	when calculating the initial annuity pay-
23	ments and the issuer's experience with re-
24	spect to those factors, or

1 "(iv) a final payment upon death that 2 does not exceed the excess of the total 3 amount of the consideration paid for the 4 annuity payments, lesstheaggregate 5 amount of prior distributions or payments 6 from or under the contract.". 7 (b) REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT.— 8 (1) REGULATIONS.—By the date that is one year 9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary 10 of the Treasury shall amend the regulation issued by 11 the Department of the Treasury relating to "Required" 12 Distributions from Retirement Plans," 69 Fed. Reg. 33288 (June 15, 2004), and make any corresponding 13 14 amendments to other regulations, in order to— 15 (A) conform such regulations to subsection 16 (a), including by eliminating the types of pay-17 ments described in subsection (a) from the scope 18 of the requirement in Q&A-14(c) of Treasury 19 Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6 that the total 20 future expected payments must exceed the total 21 value being annuitized; 22 (B) amend Q&A-14(c) of Treasury Regula-23 tion section 1.401(a)(9)-6 to provide that a com-24 mercial annuity that provides an initial pay-

ment that is at least equal to the initial payment

that would be required from an individual account pursuant to Treasury Regulation section

1.401(a)(9)-5 will be deemed to satisfy the requirement in Q&A-14(c) of Treasury Regulation

section 1.401(a)(9)-6 that the total future expected payments must exceed the total value
being annuitized; and

- (C) amend Q&A-14(e)(3) of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6 to provide that the total future expected payments under a commercial annuity are determined using the tables or other actuarial assumptions that the issuer of the contract actually uses in pricing the premiums and benefits with respect to the contract, provided that such tables or other actuarial assumptions are reasonable.
- 17 (2) Enforcement.—As of the date of enactment 18 of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall ad-19 minister and enforce the law in accordance with sub-20 sections (a) and (b).
- 21 (c) Effective Date.—This section shall take effect 22 on the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 23 SEC. 202. QUALIFYING LONGEVITY ANNUITY CONTRACTS.
- 24 (a) In General.—Not later than the date which is 25 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

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- 1 retary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate (hereafter
- 2 in this section referred to as the "Secretary") shall amend
- 3 the regulation issued by the Department of the Treasury
- 4 relating to "Longevity Annuity Contracts" (79 Fed. Reg.
- 5 37633 (July 2, 2014)), as follows:

this requirement.

- 6 (1) REPEAL 25-PERCENT PREMIUM LIMIT.—The 7 Secretary shall amend Q&A-17(b)(3) of Treasury 8 Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6 and Q & A-12(b)(3) 9 of Treasury Regulation section 1.408–8 to eliminate 10 the requirement that premiums for qualifying lon-11 gevity annuity contracts be limited to a percentage of 12 an individual's account balance, and to make such 13 corresponding changes to the regulations and related 14 forms as are necessary to reflect the elimination of
 - (2) Facilitate joint and survivor benefits for the individual and the individual's spouse which were permissible under the regulations at the time the contract was originally purchased, a divorce

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occurring after the original purchase and before the annuity payments commence under the contract will not affect the permissibility of the joint and survivor annuity benefits or other benefits under the contract, or require any adjustment to the amount or duration of benefits payable under the contract, provided that any qualified domestic relations order (within the meaning of section 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or any divorce or separation instrument (as defined in subsection (b))—

- (A) provides that the former spouse is entitled to the survivor benefits under the contract;
- (B) does not modify the treatment of the former spouse as the beneficiary under the contract who is entitled to the survivor benefits; or
- (C) does not modify the treatment of the former spouse as the measuring life for the survivor benefits under the contract.
- (3) PERMIT SHORT FREE LOOK PERIOD.—The Secretary shall amend Q&A-17(a)(4) of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6 to ensure that such Q&A does not preclude a contract from including a provision under which an employee may rescind the purchase of the contract within a period not exceeding 90 days from the date of purchase.

1	(b) Divorce or Separation Instrument.—For pur-
2	poses of subsection (a)(2), the term "divorce or separation
3	instrument" means—
4	(1) a decree of divorce or separate maintenance
5	or a written instrument incident to such a decree,
6	(2) a written separation agreement, or
7	(3) a decree (not described in paragraph (1)) re-
8	quiring a spouse to make payments for the support or
9	maintenance of the other spouse.
10	(c) Effective Dates, Enforcement, and Inter-
11	PRETATIONS.—
12	(1) Effective dates.—
13	(A) Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) shall be
14	effective with respect to contracts purchased or
15	received in an exchange on or after the date of
16	the enactment of this Act.
17	(B) Paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection
18	(a) shall be effective with respect to contracts
19	purchased or received in an exchange on or after
20	July 2, 2014.
21	(2) Enforcement and interpretations.—
22	Prior to the date on which the Secretary issues final
23	regulations pursuant to subsection (a)—
24	(A) the Secretary (or delegate) shall admin-
25	ister and enforce the law in accordance with sub-

1	section (a) and the effective dates in paragraph
2	(1) of this subsection; and
3	(B) taxpayers may rely upon their reason-
4	able good faith interpretations of subsection (a).
5	SEC. 203. INSURANCE-DEDICATED EXCHANGE-TRADED
6	FUNDS.
7	(a) In General.—Not later than the date which is
8	7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9	retary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall
10	amend the regulation issued by the Department of the
11	Treasury relating to "Income Tax; Diversification Require-
12	ments for Variable Annuity, Endowment, and Life Insur-
13	ance Contracts", 54 Fed. Reg. 8728 (March 2, 1989), and
14	make any necessary corresponding amendments to other
15	regulations, in order to facilitate the use of exchange-traded
16	funds as investment options under variable contracts within
17	the meaning of section 817(d) of the Internal Revenue Code
18	of 1986, in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this
19	section.
20	(b) Designate Certain Authorized Participants
21	AND MARKET MAKERS AS ELIGIBLE INVESTORS.—The Sec-
22	retary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall
23	amend Treas. Reg. section 1.817–5(f)(3) to provide that sat-
24	isfaction of the requirements in Treas. Reg. section 1.817-
25	5(f)(2)(i) with respect to an exchange-traded fund shall not

1	be prevented by reason of beneficial interests in such a fund
2	being held by 1 or more authorized participants or market
3	makers.
4	(c) Define Relevant Terms.—In amending Treas.
5	Reg. section $1.817-5(f)(3)$ in accordance with subsections
6	(b) of this section, the Secretary of the Treasury (or the
7	Secretary's delegate) shall provide definitions consistent
8	with the following:
9	(1) Exchange-traded fund.—The term "ex-
10	change-traded fund" means a regulated investment
11	company, partnership, or trust—
12	(A) that is registered with the Securities
13	and Exchange Commission as an open-end in-
14	vestment company or a unit investment trust;
15	(B) the shares of which can be purchased or
16	redeemed directly from the fund only by an au-
17	thorized participant; and
18	(C) the shares of which are traded through-
19	out the day on a national stock exchange at mar-
20	ket prices that may or may not be the same as
21	the net asset value of the shares.
22	(2) Authorized participant.—The term "au-
23	thorized participant" means a financial institution
24	that is a member or participant of a clearing agency
25	registered under section 17A(b) of the Securities Ex-

- change Act of 1934 that enters into a contractual relationship with an exchange-traded fund pursuant to
 which the financial institution is permitted to purchase and redeem shares directly from the fund and
 to sell such shares to third parties, but only if the
 contractual arrangement or applicable law precludes
 the financial institution from—
 - (A) purchasing the shares for its own investment purposes rather than for the exclusive purpose of creating and redeeming such shares on behalf of third parties; and
 - (B) selling the shares to third parties who are not market makers or otherwise described in Treas. Reg. section 1.817–5(f) (1) and (3).
 - (3) Market maker.—The term "market maker" means a financial institution that is a registered broker or dealer under section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that maintains liquidity for an exchange-traded fund on a national stock exchange by being always ready to buy and sell shares of such fund on the market, but only if the financial institution is contractually or legally precluded from selling or buying such shares to or from persons who are not authorized participants or otherwise described in Treas. Reg. section 1.817–5(f) (2) and (3).

1	(d) Effective Date.—Subsections (b) and (c) shall
2	apply to segregated asset account investments made on or
3	after the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment
4	of this Act.
5	TITLE III—SIMPLIFICATION AND
6	CLARIFICATION OF RETIRE-
7	MENT PLAN RULES
8	SEC. 301. RECOVERY OF RETIREMENT PLAN OVERPAY-
9	MENTS.
10	(a) Overpayments Under Internal Revenue
11	Code of 1986.—
12	(1) QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section
13	414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amend-
14	ed by the preceding provisions of this Act, is further
15	amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
16	section:
17	"(bb) Special Rules Applicable to Benefit
18	Overpayments.—
19	"(1) In general.—A plan shall not fail to be
20	treated as described in clause (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of
21	section $219(g)(5)(A)$ (and shall not fail to be treated
22	as satisfying the requirements of section 401(a) or
23	403) merely because—
24	"(A) the plan fails to obtain payment from
25	any participant, beneficiary, employer, plan

1	sponsor, fiduciary, or other party on account of
2	any inadvertent benefit overpayment made by
3	the plan, or
4	"(B) the plan sponsor amends the plan to
5	increase past or future benefit payments to af-
6	fected participants and beneficiaries in order to
7	adjust for prior inadvertent benefit overpay-
8	ments.
9	"(2) Reduction in future benefit payments
10	and recovery from responsible party.—Para-
11	graph (1) shall not fail to apply to a plan merely be-
12	cause, after discovering a benefit overpayment, such
13	plan—
14	"(A) reduces future benefit payments to the
15	correct amount provided for under the terms of
16	the plan, or
17	"(B) seeks recovery from the person or per-
18	sons responsible for such overpayment.
19	"(3) Employer funding obligations.—Noth-
20	ing in this subsection shall relieve an employer of any
21	obligation imposed on it to make contributions to a
22	plan to meet the minimum funding standards under
23	sections 412 and 430 or to prevent or restore an im-
24	permissible forfeiture in accordance with section 411.

- "(4) Observance of Benefit Limitations.—
 Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a plan to which
 paragraph (1) applies shall observe any limitations
 imposed on it by section 401(a)(17) or 415. The plan
 may enforce such limitations using any method approved by the Secretary for recouping benefits previously paid or allocations previously made in excess
 of such limitations.
 - "(5) Coordination with other qualification regulations or other guidance of general applicability specifying how benefit overpayments and their recoupment or non-recoupment from a participant or beneficiary shall be taken into account for purposes of satisfying any requirement applicable to a plan to which paragraph (1) applies.".
 - (2) ROLLOVERS.—Section 402(c) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
 - "(12) In the case of an inadvertent benefit overpayment from a plan to which section 414(bb)(1) applies which is transferred to an eligible retirement plan by or on behalf of a participant or beneficiary—
- 24 "(A) the portion of such overpayment with 25 respect to which recoupment is not sought on be-

half of the plan shall be treated as having been paid in an eligible rollover distribution if the payment would have been an eligible rollover distribution but for being an overpayment, and

"(B) the portion of such overpayment with respect to which recoupment is sought on behalf of the plan shall be permitted to be returned to such plan and in such case shall be treated as an eligible rollover distribution transferred to such plan by the participant or beneficiary who received such overpayment (and the plans making and receiving such transfer shall be treated as permitting such transfer).

In any case in which recoupment is sought on behalf of the plan but is disputed by the participant or beneficiary who received such overpayment, such dispute shall be subject to the claims and appeals procedures of the plan that made such overpayment, such plan shall notify the plan receiving the rollover of such dispute, and the plan receiving the rollover shall retain such overpayment on behalf of the participant or beneficiary (and shall be entitled to treat such overpayment as plan assets) pending the outcome of such procedures."

1	(b) Overpayments Under ERISA.—Section 206 of
2	the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29
3	U.S.C. 1056) is amended by adding at the end the following
4	new subsection:
5	"(h) Special Rules Applicable to Benefit Over-
6	PAYMENTS.—
7	"(1) GENERAL RULE.—In the case of an inad-
8	vertent benefit overpayment by any pension plan, the
9	responsible plan fiduciary shall not be considered to
10	have failed to comply with the requirements of this
11	title merely because such fiduciary determines, in the
12	exercise of its fiduciary discretion, not to seek recov-
13	ery of all or part of such overpayment from—
14	"(A) any participant or beneficiary,
15	"(B) any plan sponsor of, or contributing
16	employer to—
17	"(i) an individual account plan, pro-
18	vided that the amount needed to prevent or
19	restore any impermissible forfeiture from
20	any participant's or beneficiary's account
21	arising in connection with the overpayment
22	is, separately from and independently of the
23	overpayment, allocated to such account pur-
24	suant to the nonforfeitability requirements
25	of section 203 (for example, out of the plan's

1	forfeiture account, additional employer con-
2	tributions, or recoveries from those respon-
3	sible for the overpayment), or
4	"(ii) a defined benefit pension plan
5	subject to the funding rules in part 3 of this
6	subtitle B, unless the responsible plan fidu-
7	ciary determines, in the exercise of its fidu-
8	ciary discretion, that failure to recover all
9	or part of the overpayment faster than re-
10	quired under such funding rules would ma-
11	terially affect the plan's ability to pay bene-
12	fits due to other participants and bene-
13	ficiaries, or
14	"(C) any fiduciary of the plan, other than
15	a fiduciary (including a plan sponsor or contrib-
16	uting employer acting in a fiduciary capacity)
17	whose breach of its fiduciary duties resulted in
18	such overpayment, provided that if the plan has
19	established prudent procedures to prevent and
20	minimize overpayment of benefits and the rel-
21	evant plan fiduciaries have followed such proce-
22	dures, an inadvertent benefit overpayment will
23	not give rise to a breach of fiduciary duty.
24	"(2) Reduction in future benefit payments
25	AND RECOVERY FROM RESPONSIBLE PARTY.—Para-

- graph (1) shall not fail to apply with respect to any inadvertent benefit overpayment merely because, after discovering such overpayment, the responsible plan fiduciary—
 - "(A) reduces future benefit payments to the correct amount provided for under the terms of the plan, or
 - "(B) seeks recovery from the person or persons responsible for the overpayment.
 - "(3) EMPLOYER FUNDING OBLIGATIONS.—Nothing in this subsection shall relieve an employer of any obligation imposed on it to make contributions to a plan to meet the minimum funding standards under part 3 of this subtitle B or to prevent or restore an impermissible forfeiture in accordance with section 203.
 - "(4) RECOUPMENT FROM PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES.—If the responsible plan fiduciary, in the exercise of its fiduciary discretion, decides to seek recoupment from a participant or beneficiary of all or part of an inadvertent benefit overpayment made by the plan to such participant or beneficiary, it may do so, subject to the following conditions:

1	"(A) No interest or other additional
2	amounts (such as collection costs or fees) are
3	sought on overpaid amounts.
4	"(B) If the plan seeks to recoup past over-
5	payments of a non-decreasing periodic benefit by
6	reducing future benefit payments—
7	"(i) the reduction ceases after the plan
8	has recovered the full dollar amount of the
9	overpayment,
10	"(ii) the amount recouped each cal-
11	endar year does not exceed 10 percent of the
12	full dollar amount of the overpayment, and
13	"(iii) future benefit payments are not
14	reduced to below 90 percent of the periodic
15	amount otherwise payable under the terms
16	of the plan.
17	Alternatively, if the plan seeks to recoup past
18	overpayments of a non-decreasing periodic ben-
19	efit through one or more installment payments,
20	the sum of such installment payments in any
21	calendar year does not exceed the sum of the re-
22	ductions that would be permitted in such year
23	under the preceding sentence.
24	"(C) If the plan seeks to recoup past over-
25	payments of a benefit other than a non-decreas-

1	ing periodic benefit, the plan satisfies require-
2	ments developed by the Secretary of the Treasury
3	for purposes of this subparagraph.
4	"(D) Efforts to recoup overpayments are not
5	made through a collection agency or similar
6	third party and such efforts are not accompanied
7	by threats of litigation, unless the responsible
8	plan fiduciary reasonably believes it could pre-
9	vail in a civil action brought in Federal or State
10	court to recoup the overpayments.
11	"(E) Recoupment of past overpayments to a
12	participant is not sought from any beneficiary of
13	the participant, including a spouse, surviving
14	spouse, former spouse, or other beneficiary.
15	"(F) Recoupment may not be sought if the
16	first overpayment occurred more than 3 years be-
17	fore the participant or beneficiary is first noti-
18	fied in writing of the error.
19	"(G) A participant or beneficiary from
20	whom recoupment is sought is entitled to contest
21	all or part of the recoupment pursuant to the
22	plan's claims and appeals procedures.
23	"(H) In determining the amount of
24	recoupment to seek, the responsible plan fidu-

ciary may take into account the hardship that

1 recoupment likely would impose on the partici-2 pant or beneficiary.

> "(5) Effect of culpability.—Subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (4) shall not apply to protect a participant or beneficiary who is culpable. For purposes of this paragraph, a participant or beneficiary is culpable if the individual bears responsibility for the overpayment (such as through misrepresentations or omissions that led to the overpayment), or if the individual knew, or had good reason to know under the circumstances, that the benefit payment or payments were materially in excess of the correct amount. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, an individual is not culpable merely because the individual believed the benefit payment or payments were or might be in excess of the correct amount, if the individual raised that question with an authorized plan representative and was told the payment or payments were not in excess of the correct amount. With respect to a culpable participant or beneficiary, efforts to recoup overpayments shall not be made through threats of litigation, unless a lawyer for the plan could make the representations required under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure if the litigation were brought in Federal court.".

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1	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
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3	Act.
4	(d) Certain Actions Before Date of Enact-
5	MENT.—Plans, fiduciaries, employers, and plan sponsors
6	are entitled to rely on—
7	(1) a good faith interpretation of then existing
8	administrative guidance for inadvertent benefit over-
9	payment recoupments and recoveries that commenced
10	before the date of enactment of this Act, and
11	(2) determinations made before such date of en-
12	actment by the responsible plan fiduciary, in the exer-
13	cise of its fiduciary discretion, not to seek recoupment
14	or recovery of all or part of an inadvertent benefit
15	overpayment.
16	In the case of a benefit overpayment that occurred prior
17	to the date of enactment of this Act, any installment pay-
18	ments by the participant or beneficiary to the plan or any
19	reduction in periodic benefit payments to the participant
20	or beneficiary, which were made in recoupment of such
21	overpayment and which commenced prior to such date, may
22	continue after such date. Nothing in this subsection shall
23	relieve a fiduciary from responsibility for an overpayment

 $24\ \ that\ resulted\ from\ a\ breach\ of\ its\ fiduciary\ duties.$

1	SEC. 302. REDUCTION IN EXCISE TAX ON CERTAIN ACCUMU-
2	LATIONS IN QUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLANS.
3	(a) In General.—Section 4974(a) of the Internal
4	Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "50 percent"
5	and inserting "25 percent".
6	(b) Reduction in Excise Tax on Failures to Take
7	REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS.—Section 4974 of
8	such Code is amended by adding at the end the following
9	new subsection:
10	"(e) Reduction of Tax in Certain Cases.—
11	"(1) Reduction.—In the case of a taxpayer
12	who—
13	"(A) corrects, during the correction window,
14	a shortfall of distributions from an individual
15	retirement plan which resulted in imposition of
16	a tax under subsection (a), and
17	"(B) submits a return, during the correc-
18	tion window, reflecting such tax (as modified by
19	$this\ subsection),$
20	the first sentence of subsection (a) shall be applied by
21	substituting '10 percent' for '25 percent'.
22	"(2) Correction window.—For purposes of
23	this subsection, the term 'correction window' means
24	the period of time beginning on the date on which the
25	tax under subsection (a) is imposed with respect to a

1	shortfall of distributions from an individual retire-
2	ment plan, and ending on the earlier of—
3	"(A) the date on which the Secretary initi-
4	ates an audit, or otherwise demands payment,
5	with respect to the shortfall of distributions, or
6	"(B) the last day of the second taxable year
7	that begins after the end of the taxable year in
8	which the tax under subsection (a) is imposed.".
9	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
10	section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-
11	ber 31, 2021.
12	SEC. 303. PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS FOR ASSET ALLO-
13	CATION FUNDS.
14	(a) In General.—Not later than 6 months after the
	date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor
15	active of the charment of this fact, the secretary of factor
	(or the Secretary's delegate) shall modify the regulations
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16 17	(or the Secretary's delegate) shall modify the regulations
16 17 18	(or the Secretary's delegate) shall modify the regulations under section 404 of the Employee Retirement Income Secu-
16 17 18 19	(or the Secretary's delegate) shall modify the regulations under section 404 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1104) to provide that, in the
16 17 18 19 20	(or the Secretary's delegate) shall modify the regulations under section 404 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1104) to provide that, in the case of a designated investment alternative which contains
16 17 18 19 20 21	(or the Secretary's delegate) shall modify the regulations under section 404 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1104) to provide that, in the case of a designated investment alternative which contains a mix of asset classes, a plan administrator may, but is
16 17 18 19 20 21	(or the Secretary's delegate) shall modify the regulations under section 404 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1104) to provide that, in the case of a designated investment alternative which contains a mix of asset classes, a plan administrator may, but is not required to, use a benchmark which is a blend of dif-
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	(or the Secretary's delegate) shall modify the regulations under section 404 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1104) to provide that, in the case of a designated investment alternative which contains a mix of asset classes, a plan administrator may, but is not required to, use a benchmark which is a blend of different broad-based securities market indices if—

- 1 (2) for purposes of determining the blend's re2 turns for 1-, 5-, and 10-calendar-year periods (or for
 3 the life of the alternative, if shorter), the blend is
 4 modified at least once per year to reflect changes in
 5 the asset class holdings of the designated investment
 6 alternative;
 - (3) the blend is furnished to participants and beneficiaries in a manner that is reasonably designed to be understandable and helpful; and
- 10 (4) each securities market index which is used 11 for an associated asset class would separately satisfy 12 the requirements of such regulations for such asset 13 class.
- 14 (b) STUDY.—Not later than December 31, 2022, the
 15 Secretary of Labor (or the Secretary's delegate) shall deliver
 16 a report to the Committees on Ways and Means and Edu17 cation and Labor of the House of Representatives and the
 18 Committees on Finance and Health, Education, Labor, and
 19 Pensions of the Senate regarding the effectiveness of the
 20 benchmarking requirements under section 2550.404a–5 of

title 29, Code of Federal Regulations.

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1	SEC. 304. REVIEW AND REPORT TO THE CONGRESS RELAT-
2	ING TO REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE RE-
3	QUIREMENTS.
4	(a) Study.—As soon as practicable after the date of
5	the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor, the Sec-
6	retary of the Treasury, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty
7	Corporation shall review the reporting and disclosure re-
8	quirements of—
9	(1) title I of the Employee Retirement Income
10	Security Act of 1974 applicable to pension plans (as
11	defined in section 3(2) of such Act); and
12	(2) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 applicable
13	to qualified retirement plans (as defined in section
14	4974(c) of such Code without regard to paragraphs
15	(4) and (5) thereof).
16	(b) Report.—Not later than 18 months after the date
17	of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor, the
18	Secretary of the Treasury, and the Pension Benefit Guar-
19	anty Corporation, jointly, and after consultation with a
20	balanced group of participant and employer representa-
21	tives, shall with respect to plans referenced in subsection
22	(a) report on the effectiveness of the applicable reporting
23	and disclosure requirements and make such recommenda-
24	tions as may be appropriate to the appropriate committees
25	of the Congress to consolidate, simplify, standardize, and
26	improve such requirements so as to simplify reporting for

- 1 such plans and ensure that plans can simply furnish and
- 2 participants and beneficiaries timely receive and better un-
- 3 derstand the information they need to monitor their plans,
- 4 plan for retirement, and obtain the benefits they have
- 5 earned. Such report shall assess the extent to which retire-
- 6 ment plans are retaining disclosures, work records, and
- 7 plan documents that are needed to ensure accurate calcula-
- 8 tion of future benefits. To assess the effectiveness of the ap-
- 9 plicable reporting and disclosure requirements, the report
- 10 shall include an analysis, based on plan data, of how par-
- 11 ticipants and beneficiaries are providing preferred contact
- 12 information, the methods by which plan sponsors and plans
- 13 are furnishing disclosures, and the rate at which partici-
- 14 pants and beneficiaries (grouped by key demographics) are
- 15 receiving, accessing, and retaining disclosures. The agencies
- 16 shall conduct appropriate surveys and data collection to ob-
- 17 tain any needed information.
- 18 SEC. 305. ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY PLAN REQUIRE-
- 19 **MENTS RELATED TO UNENROLLED PARTICI-**
- 20 PANTS.
- 21 (a) Amendment of Internal Revenue Code of
- 22 1986.—Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
- 23 as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is fur-
- 24 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 25 section:

1	"(cc) Eliminating Unnecessary Plan Require-
2	MENTS RELATED TO UNENROLLED PARTICIPANTS.—
3	"(1) In general.—Notwithstanding any other
4	provision of this title, with respect to any defined
5	contribution plan, no disclosure, notice, or other plan
6	document (other than the notices and documents de-
7	scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B)) shall be re-
8	quired to be furnished under this title to any
9	unenrolled participant if the unenrolled participant
10	receives—
11	"(A) an annual reminder notice (in paper
12	format, or in any electronic format consented to
13	by the participant) of such participant's eligi-
14	bility to participate in such plan and any appli-
15	cable election deadlines under the plan, and
16	"(B) any document requested by such par-
17	ticipant which the participant would be entitled
18	to receive without regard to this subsection.
19	"(2) Unenrolled participant.—For purposes
20	of this subsection, the term 'unenrolled participant'
21	means an employee who—
22	"(A) is eligible to participate in a defined
23	$contribution\ plan,$
24	"(B) has received all required notices, dis-
25	closures, and other plan documents required to be

1	furnished under this title and the summary plan
2	description as provided in section 104(b) of the
3	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of
4	1974 in connection with such participant's ini-
5	tial eligibility to participate in such plan,
6	"(C) is not participating in such plan, and
7	"(D) does not have a balance in the plan.
8	For purposes of this subsection, any eligibility to par-
9	ticipate in the plan following any period for which
10	such employee was not eligible to participate shall be
11	treated as initial eligibility.
12	"(3) Annual reminder notice.—For purposes
13	of this subsection, the term 'annual reminder notice'
14	means the notice described in section 111(c) of the
15	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.".
16	(b) Amendment of Employee Retirement Income
17	Security Act of 1974.—
18	(1) In general.—Part 1 of subtitle B of sub-
19	chapter I of the Employee Retirement Income Secu-
20	rity Act of 1974 is amended by redesignating section
21	111 as section 112 and by inserting after section 110
22	the following new section:

1	"SEC. 111. ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY PLAN REQUIRE-
2	MENTS RELATED TO UNENROLLED PARTICI-
3	PANTS.
4	"(a) In General.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5	sion of this title, with respect to any individual account
6	plan, no disclosure, notice, or other plan document (other
7	than the notices and documents described in paragraphs (1)
8	and (2)) shall be required to be furnished under this title
9	to any unenrolled participant if the unenrolled participant
10	receives—
11	"(1) an annual reminder notice of such partici-
12	pant's eligibility to participate in such plan and any
13	applicable election deadlines under the plan; and
14	"(2) any document requested by such participant
15	which the participant would be entitled to receive
16	without regard to this section.
17	"(b) Unenrolled Participant.—For purposes of
18	this section, the term 'unenrolled participant' means an em-
19	ployee who—
20	"(1) is eligible to participate in an individual
21	account plan;
22	"(2) has received all required notices, disclosures,
23	and other plan documents, including the summary
24	plan description, required to be furnished under this
25	title in connection with such participant's initial eli-
26	gibility to participate in such plan;

1	"(3) is not participating in such plan; and
2	"(4) does not have a balance in the plan.
3	For purposes of this section, any eligibility to participate
4	in the plan following any period for which such employee
5	was not eligible to participate shall be treated as initial
6	eligibility.
7	"(c) Annual Reminder Notice.—For purposes of
8	this section, the term 'annual reminder notice' means a no-
9	tice provided in accordance with section 2520.104b-1 of
10	title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-
11	lation), which—
12	"(1) is furnished in connection with the annual
13	open season election period with respect to the plan
14	or, if there is no such period, is furnished within a
15	reasonable period prior to the beginning of each plan
16	year;
17	"(2) notifies the unenrolled participant of—
18	"(A) the unenrolled participant's eligibility
19	to participate in the plan; and
20	"(B) the key benefits under the plan and the
21	key rights and features under the plan affecting
22	such benefits; and
23	"(3) provides such information in a prominent
24	manner calculated to be understood by the average
25	participant.".

1	(2) Clerical amendment.—The table of con-
2	tents in section 1 of the Employee Retirement Income
3	Security Act of 1974 is amended by striking the item
4	relating to section 111 and by inserting after the item
5	relating to section 110 the following new items:
	"Sec. 111. Eliminating unnecessary plan requirements related to unenrolled participants. "Sec. 112. Repeal and effective date.".
6	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
7	section shall apply to plan years beginning after December
8	31, 2021.
9	SEC. 306. RETIREMENT SAVINGS LOST AND FOUND.
10	(a) Retirement Savings Lost and Found.—
11	(1) Establishment.—
12	(A) In general.—Not later than 3 years
13	after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
14	Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of the Treas-
15	ury, and the Secretary of Commerce, in coopera-
16	tion, shall establish an online searchable data-
17	base (to be managed by the Pension Benefit
18	Guaranty Corporation in accordance with sec-
19	tion 4051 of the Employee Retirement Income
20	Security Act of 1974) to be known as the "Re-
21	tirement Savings Lost and Found". The Retire-
22	ment Savings Lost and Found shall—
23	(i) allow an individual to search for
24	information that enables the individual to

1	locate the plan administrator of any plans
2	with respect to which the individual is or
3	was a participant or beneficiary, and to
4	provide contact information for the plan
5	administrator of any plan described in sub-
6	paragraph (B);
7	(ii) allow the corporation to assist such
8	an individual in locating any plan of the
9	individual; and
10	(iii) allow the corporation to make any
11	necessary changes to contact information on
12	record for the plan administrator based on
13	any changes to the plan due to merger or
14	consolidation of the plan with any other
15	plan, division of the plan into two or more
16	plans, bankruptcy, termination, change in
17	name of the plan, change in name or ad-
18	dress of the plan administrator, or other
19	causes.
20	The Retirement Savings Lost and Found estab-
21	lished under this paragraph shall include infor-
22	mation reported under section 4051 of the Em-
23	ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
24	and other relevant information obtained by the
25	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

- 1 (B) PLANS DESCRIBED.—A plan described 2 in this subparagraph is a plan to which the vest-3 ing standards of section 203 of part 2 of subtitle 4 B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income 5 Security Act of 1974 apply.
 - (2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Retirement Savings
 Lost and Found established under paragraph (1)
 shall provide individuals described in paragraph
 (1)(A) only with the ability to view contact information for the plan administrator of any plan with respect to which the individual is or was a participant or beneficiary, sufficient to allow the individual to locate the individual's plan in order to recover any benefit owing to the individual under the plan.
 - (3) SAFEGUARDING PARTICIPANT PRIVACY AND SECURITY.—In establishing the Retirement Savings Lost and Found under paragraph (1), the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Treasury, and the Secretary of Commerce, shall take all necessary and proper precautions to ensure that individuals' plan information maintained by the Retirement Savings Lost and Found is protected and that persons other than the individual cannot fraudulently claim the benefits to which any individual is entitled,

1	and to allow any individual to opt out of inclusion
2	in the Retirement Savings Lost and Found at the
3	election of the individual.
4	(b) Office of the Retirement Savings Lost and
5	FOUND.—
6	(1) In general.—Subtitle C of title IV of the
7	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
8	(29 U.S.C. 1341 et seq.) is amended by adding at the
9	end the following:
10	"SEC. 4051. OFFICE OF THE RETIREMENT SAVINGS LOST
11	AND FOUND.
12	"(a) Establishment; Responsibilities of Of-
13	FICE.—
14	"(1) In general.—Not later than 2 years after
15	the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
16	of Labor, the Secretary of Treasury, and the Sec-
17	retary of Commerce shall establish within the cor-
18	poration an Office of the Retirement Savings Lost
19	and Found (in this section referred to as the 'Office').
20	"(2) Responsibilities of office.—
21	"(A) In General.—The Office shall—
22	"(i) carry out subsection (b) of this sec-
23	tion;
24	"(ii) maintain the Retirement Savings
25	Lost and Found established under section

1	306(a) of the Securing a Strong Retirement
2	$Act\ of\ 2021;\ and$
3	"(iii) perform an annual audit of plan
4	information contained in the Retirement
5	Savings Lost and Found and ensure that
6	such information is current and accurate.
7	"(B) Option to contract.—
8	"(i) In general.—Not later than 2
9	years after the date of enactment of this sec-
10	tion, the corporation shall conduct an anal-
11	ysis of the cost effectiveness of contracting
12	with a third party to carry out the respon-
13	$sibilities \ under \ subparagraph \ (A)(iii) \ and,$
14	upon a determination that such contracting
15	would be more cost effective than carrying
16	out such responsibilities within the Office,
17	the corporation may enter into such con-
18	tracts as merited by such analysis.
19	"(ii) Report.—The corporation shall
20	report on the results of the analysis under
21	clause (i) to the Committees on Finance and
22	Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
23	the Senate and the Committees on Ways
24	and Means and Education and Labor of the
25	House of Representatives.

"(b) Certain Non-responsive Participants Enti-1 2 TLED TO SMALL BENEFITS.— 3 "(1) General rule.— 4 "(A) Transfer to the office of the 5 RETIREMENT SAVINGS LOST AND FOUND.—The 6 administrator of a plan that is not terminated 7 and to which section 401(a)(31)(B) of the Inter-8 nal Revenue Code of 1986 applies shall transfer 9 to the Office the amount required to be trans-10 ferred under section 401(a)(31)(B)(iv) of such 11 Code for a non-responsive participant. 12 "(B) Information and payment to the 13 Office.—Upon making a transfer under sub-14 paragraph (A), the plan administrator shall pro-15 vide such information and certifications as the 16 Office shall specify, including with respect to the 17 transferred amount and the non-responsive par-18 ticipant. 19 "(C) Information requirements after 20 TRANSFER.—In the event that, after a transfer is 21 made under subparagraph (A), the relevant non-22 responsive participant contacts the plan admin-23 istrator or the plan administrator discovers in-24 formation that may assist the Office in locating 25 the non-responsive participant, the plan admin-

1	istrator shall notify and provide such informa-
2	tion as the Office shall specify to the Office.
3	"(D) Search and payment by the of-
4	FICE FOLLOWING TRANSFER.—The Office shall
5	periodically, and upon receiving information de-
6	scribed in subparagraph (C), conduct a search
7	for the non-responsive participant for whom the
8	Office has received a transfer under subpara-
9	graph (A). Upon location of a non-responsive
10	participant who claims benefits, the Office shall
11	make a single payment to the non-responsive
12	participant in an amount equal to the sum of—
13	"(i) the amount transferred to the Of-
14	fice under subparagraph (A) for such par-
15	ticipant; and
16	"(ii) the return on the investment at-
17	tributable to such amount under section
18	4005(j)(3).
19	"(2) Definition.—For purposes of this sub-
20	section, the term 'non-responsive participant' means a
21	participant or beneficiary of a plan described in
22	paragraph (1)(A)—
23	"(A) who is entitled to a benefit subject to
24	a mandatory transfer under section

1	401(a)(31)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code
2	of 1986; and
3	"(B) for whom the plan has satisfied the
4	conditions in section $401(a)(31)(B)(iv)$ of such
5	Code.
6	"(3) Regulatory authority.—The Office shall
7	prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry
8	out the purposes of this section, including rules relat-
9	ing to the amount payable to the Office and the
10	amount to be paid by the Office.
11	"(c) Information Collection.—Within such period
12	after the end of a plan year as the Office may by regulations
13	prescribe, the administrator of a plan to which the vesting
14	standards of section 203 apply shall submit the following
15	information, and such other information as the corporation
16	may require, to the corporation in such form as the corpora-
17	tion may require:
18	"(1) The information described in paragraphs
19	(1) through (4) of section 6057(b) of the Internal Rev-
20	enue Code of 1986.
21	"(2) The information described in subparagraphs
22	(A), (B), (E), and (F) of section $6057(a)(2)$ of the In-
23	ternal Revenue Code of 1986.
24	"(d) Effective Date.—The requirements of sub-
25	sections (b) and (c) shall apply with respect to plan years

- 1 beginning after the second December 31 occurring after the
- 2 date of the enactment of this section.
- 3 "(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are
- 4 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
- 5 essary to carry out this section.".
- 6 (2) Establishment of fund for trans-
- 7 Ferred Assets.—Section 4005 of the Employee Re-
- 8 tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.
- 9 1305) is amended by adding at the end the following:
- "(j)(1) A ninth fund shall be established for the pay-
- 11 ment of benefits under section 4051(b)(1)(D).
- 12 "(2) Such fund shall be credited with the appro-
- 13 priate—
- 14 "(A) amounts transferred to the Office of the Re-
- 15 tirement Savings Lost and Found under section
- 16 4051(b)(1)(A); and
- 17 "(B) earnings on investments of the fund or on
- assets credited to the fund.
- 19 "(3) Whenever the corporation determines that the
- 20 moneys of any fund are in excess of current needs, it may
- 21 request the investment of such amounts as it determines ad-
- 22 visable by the Secretary of the Treasury in obligations
- 23 issued or guaranteed by the United States.".
- 24 (3) Conforming amendment.—The table of
- 25 contents for the Employee Retirement Income Secu-

1	rity Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) is amended
2	by inserting after the matter relating to section 4050
3	the following:
	"Sec. 4051. Certain non-responsive participants entitled to small benefits.".
4	(c) Mandatory Transfers of Rollover Distribu-
5	TIONS.—
6	(1) Investment options.—
7	(A) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of
8	section $404(c)(3)$ of the Employee Retirement In-
9	come Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.
10	1104(c)(3)) is amended by striking the period at
11	the end and inserting ", and, to the extent the
12	Secretary provides in guidance or regulations
13	issued after the enactment of the Securing a
14	Strong Retirement Act of 2021, is made to—
15	"(i) a target date or life cycle fund
16	held under such account;
17	"(ii) as described in section
18	2550.404a-2 of title 29, Code of Federal
19	Regulations, an investment product held
20	under such account designed to preserve
21	principal and provide a reasonable rate of
22	return;
23	"(iii) the Office of the Retirement Sav-
24	ings Lost and Found in accordance with
25	section $401(a)(31)(B)(iv)$ of the Internal

1	Revenue Code of 1986 and section
2	306(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the Securing a Strong
3	Retirement Act of 2020; or
4	"(iv) such other option as the Sec-
5	retary may so provide.".
6	(B) Regulations.—Not later than 270
7	days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
8	the Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regula-
9	tions identifying the target date or life cycle
10	funds, or specifying the characteristics of such a
11	fund, that will be deemed to meet the require-
12	ments of section $404(c)(3)(B)(i)$ of the Employee
13	Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29
14	$U.S.C.\ 1104(c)(3)(B)),\ as\ amended\ by\ subpara-$
15	graph(A).
16	(2) Expansion of cap; authority to trans-
17	FER LESSER AMOUNTS.—
18	(A) CAP .—Sections $401(a)(31)(B)(ii)$ and
19	411(a)(11)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of
20	1986 and section 203(e)(1) of the Employee Re-
21	tirement Income Security Act of 1974 are each
22	amended by striking "\$5,000" and inserting
23	"\$6,000".
24	(B) Distribution of larger amounts to
25	INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT PLANS ONLY.—Section

1 401(a)(31)(B)(i) of such Code is amended by
2 adding at the end the following: "The Office of
3 the Retirement Savings Lost and Found estab4 lished by section 306 of the Securing a Strong
5 Retirement Act shall not be treated as a trustee
6 or issuer that is eligible to receive such distribu7 tions.".

(C) LESSER AMOUNTS.—Section 401(a)(31)(B) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new clauses:

"(iii) TREATMENT OFLESSER AMOUNTS.—In the case of a trust which is part of an eligible plan, such trust shall not be a qualified trust under this section unless such plan provides that, if a participant in the plan separates from the service covered by the plan and the nonforfeitable accrued benefit described in clause (ii) is not in excess of \$1,000, the plan administrator shall (either separately or as part of the notice under section 402(f)) notify the participant that the participant is entitled to such benefit or attempt to pay the benefit directly to the participant.

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1	"(iv) Transfers to retirement sav-
2	INGS LOST AND FOUND.—If, after a plan
3	administrator takes the action required
4	under clause (iii), the participant does
5	not—
6	"(I) within 6 months of the notifi-
7	cation under such clause, make an elec-
8	tion under subparagraph (A) or elect
9	to receive a distribution of the benefit
10	directly, or
11	"(II) accept any direct payment
12	made under such clause within 6
13	months of the attempted payment,
14	the plan administrator shall transfer the
15	amount of such benefit to the Office of the
16	Retirement Savings Lost and Found in ac-
17	cordance with section 4051(b) of the Em-
18	ployee Retirement Income Security Act of
19	1974.
20	"(v) Income tax treatment of
21	TRANSFERS TO RETIREMENT SAVINGS LOST
22	AND FOUND.—For purposes of determining
23	the income tax treatment of transfers to the
24	Office of the Retirement Savings Lost and
25	Found under clause (iv)—

1	"(I) such a transfer shall be treat-
2	ed as a transfer to an individual re-
3	tirement plan under clause (i), and
4	"(II) the distribution of such
5	amounts by the Office of the Retire-
6	ment Savings Lost and Found shall be
7	treated as a distribution from an indi-
8	vidual retirement plan.".
9	(D) Effective date.—The amendments
10	made by this paragraph shall apply to vested
11	benefits with respect to participants who sepa-
12	rate from service connected to the plan in plan
13	years beginning after the second December 31 oc-
14	curring after the date of the enactment of this
15	Act.
16	(d) Better Reporting for Mandatory Trans-
17	FERS.—
18	(1) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section
19	6057(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
20	amended—
21	$(A) \ in \ subparagraph \ (C)$ —
22	(i) by striking "during such plan
23	year" in clause (i) and inserting "during
24	the plan year immediately preceding such
25	plan year";

1	(ii) by adding "and" at the end of
2	clause (i); and
3	(iii) by striking clause (iii);
4	(B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as
5	subparagraph (G);
6	(C) by striking "and" at the end of sub-
7	paragraph (D); and
8	(D) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the
9	following new subparagraphs:
10	"(E) the name and taxpayer identifying
11	number of each participant or former partici-
12	pant in the plan—
13	"(i) who, during the current plan year
14	or any previous plan year, was reported
15	under subparagraph (C), and with respect
16	to whom the benefits described in subpara-
17	graph (C)(ii) were fully paid during the
18	plan year,
19	"(ii) with respect to whom any amount
20	was distributed under section $401(a)(31)(B)$
21	during the plan year, or
22	"(iii) with respect to whom a deferred
23	annuity contract was distributed during the
24	plan year,

1	"(F) in the case of a participant or former
2	participant to whom subparagraph (E) ap-
3	plies—
4	"(i) in the case of a participant de-
5	scribed in clause (ii) thereof, the name and
6	address of the designated trustee or issuer
7	described in section $401(a)(31)(B)(i)$ and
8	the account number of the individual retire-
9	ment plan to which the amount was distrib-
10	uted, and
11	"(ii) in the case of a participant de-
12	scribed in clause (iii) thereof, the name and
13	address of the issuer of such annuity con-
14	tract and the contract or certificate number,
15	and".
16	(2) Rules relating to direct trustee-to-
17	TRUSTEE TRANSFERS.—
18	(A) In general.—Paragraph (6) of section
19	402(e) of such Code is amended—
20	(i) by striking "Transfers.—Any"
21	and inserting "TRANSFERS.—
22	"(A) In general.—Any"; and
23	(ii) by adding at the end the following
24	new subparagraph:

1	"(B) Notification of trustee.—In the
2	case of a distribution under section
3	401(a)(31)(B), the plan administrator shall no-
4	tify the designated trustee or issuer described in
5	clause (i) thereof that the transfer is a manda-
6	tory distribution required by such section.".
7	(B) Penalty.—Subsection (i) of section
8	6652 of such Code is amended—
9	(i) by striking "to Recipients" in the
10	heading and inserting "OR NOTIFICATION";
11	(ii) by striking "402(f)," and inserting
12	"402(f) or a notification as required by sec-
13	$tion \ 402(e)(6)(B),"; \ and$
14	(iii) by striking "such written expla-
15	nation" and inserting "such written expla-
16	nation or notification".
17	(C) Reports.—Subsection (i) of section
18	408 of such Code is amended—
19	(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
20	and (B) of paragraph (2) as clauses (i) and
21	(ii), respectively, and by moving such
22	clauses 2 ems to the right;
23	(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
24	and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), re-

1	spectively, and by moving such subpara-
2	graphs 2 ems to the right;
3	(iii) by striking "as the Secretary pre-
4	scribes" in subparagraph (B)(ii), as so re-
5	designated, and all that follows through "a
6	simple retirement account" and inserting
7	"as the Secretary prescribes.
8	"(3) Simple retirement accounts.—In the
9	case of a simple retirement account";
10	(iv) by striking "Reports.—The
11	trustee of" and inserting "Reports.—
12	"(1) In general.—The trustee of";
13	(v) by striking "under paragraph (2)"
14	in paragraph (3), as designated by clause
15	(iii), and inserting "under paragraph
16	(1)(B)"; and
17	(vi) by inserting after paragraph
18	(1)(B)(ii), as redesignated by the preceding
19	clauses, the following new paragraph:
20	"(2) Mandatory distributions.—In the case
21	of an account, contract, or annuity to which a trans-
22	fer under section $401(a)(31)(B)$ is made (including a
23	transfer from the individual retirement plan to which
24	the original transfer under such section was made to
25	another individual retirement plan), the report re-

1	quired by this subsection for the year of the transfer
2	and any year in which the information previously re-
3	ported in subparagraph (B) changes shall—
4	"(A) identify such transfer as a mandatory
5	distribution required by such section,
6	"(B) include the name, address, and tax-
7	payer identifying number of the trustee or issuer
8	of the individual retirement plan to which the
9	amount is transferred, and
10	"(C) be filed with the Pension Benefit
11	Guaranty Corporation as well as with the Sec-
12	retary.".
13	(3) Notification of participants upon sepa-
14	RATION.—Subsection (e) of section 6057 of such Code
15	is amended by inserting ", and, with respect to any
16	benefit of the individual subject to section
17	401(a)(31)(B), a notice of availability of, and the
18	contact information for, the Retirement Savings Lost
19	and Found established under section 306(a)(1) of the
20	Securing a Strong Retirement Act of 2021" before the
21	period at the end of the second sentence.
22	(4) Effective date.—The amendments made
23	by this paragraph shall apply to distributions made
24	in, and returns and reports relating to, years begin-

1	ning after the second December 31 occurring after the
2	date of the enactment of this Act.
3	(e) Requirement of Electronic Filing.—
4	(1) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section
5	6011(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
6	amended—
7	(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
8	and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and
9	by moving such clauses 2 ems to the right;
10	(B) by striking "Regulations.—In pre-
11	scribing" and inserting "REGULATIONS.—
12	"(A) In general.—In prescribing"; and
13	(C) by adding at the end the following new
14	subparagraph:
15	"(B) Exceptions.—Notwithstanding sub-
16	paragraph (A), the Secretary shall require re-
17	turns or reports required under—
18	"(i) sections 6057, 6058, and 6059,
19	and
20	"(ii) sections 408(i), 6041, and 6047 to
21	the extent such return or report relates to
22	the tax treatment of a distribution from a
23	plan, account, contract, or annuity,
24	to be filed on magnetic media, but only with re-
25	spect to persons who are required to file at least

- 1 50 returns during the calendar year which in-2 cludes the first day of the plan year to which 3 such returns or reports relate.".
 - (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this paragraph shall apply to returns and reports relating to years beginning after the second December 31 occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(f) Rulemaking to Clarify Fiduciary Duties.—

- (1) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall issue a request for information relating to the rulemaking described in paragraph (2).
- (2) Issuance of final rule.—Not later than 3 years after such date, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall issue a final rule that defines the following:
 - (A) The steps a plan sponsor must take to locate a deferred vested participant in order to meet its fiduciary duty under section 404 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 with respect to locating that participant.

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1	(B) The ongoing practices and procedures a
2	plan sponsor must institute in order to meet
3	such fiduciary duty with respect to maintaining
4	up-to-date contact information on deferred vested
5	participants.
6	SEC. 307. EXPANSION OF EMPLOYEE PLANS COMPLIANCE
7	RESOLUTION SYSTEM.
8	(a) In General.—Except as otherwise provided in the
9	Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or regulations prescribed by
10	the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate (re-
11	ferred to in this section as the "Secretary"), any eligible
12	inadvertent failure to comply with the rules applicable
13	under section 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408(p), or 408(k) of
14	such Code may be self-corrected under the Employee Plans
15	Compliance Resolution System (as described in Revenue
16	Procedure 2019–19 or any successor guidance and hereafter
17	in this section referred to as the "EPCRS"), except to the
18	extent that such failure was identified by the Secretary
19	prior to any actions which demonstrate a commitment to
20	implement a self-correction. Revenue Procedure 2019–19 is
21	deemed amended as of the date of the enactment of this Act
22	to provide that the correction period under section 9.02 of
23	such Revenue Procedure (or any successor guidance) for an

24 eligible inadvertent failure, except as otherwise provided

25 under such Code or in regulations prescribed by the Sec-

- 1 retary, is indefinite and has no last day, other than with
- 2 respect to failures identified by the Secretary prior to any
- 3 self-correction as described in the preceding sentence.
- 4 (b) Loan Errors.—In the case of an eligible inad-
- 5 vertent failure relating to a loan from a plan to a partici-
- 6 *pant*—
- 7 (1) such failure may be self-corrected under sub-
- 8 section (a) according to the rules of section 6.07 of
- 9 Revenue Procedure 2019–19 (or any successor guid-
- 10 ance), including the provisions related to whether a
- 11 deemed distribution must be reported on Form 1099–
- R, and
- 13 (2) the Secretary of Labor shall treat any such
- failure which is so self-corrected under subsection (a)
- as meeting the requirements of the Voluntary Fidu-
- 16 ciary Correction Program of the Department of Labor
- if, with respect to the violation of the fiduciary stand-
- 18 ards of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act
- of 1974, there is a similar loan error eligible for cor-
- 20 rection under EPCRS and the loan error is corrected
- 21 in such manner.
- 22 (c) EPCRS FOR IRAS.—The Secretary shall expand
- 23 the EPCRS to allow custodians of individual retirement
- 24 plans (as defined in section 7701(a)(37) of the Internal
- 25 Revenue Code of 1986) to address eligible inadvertent fail-

- 1 ures with respect to an individual retirement plan (as so
- 2 defined), including (but not limited to)—
- 3 (1) waivers of the excise tax which would other-4 wise apply under section 4974 of the Internal Rev-
- 5 enue Code of 1986,
- 6 (2) under the self-correction component of the 7 EPCRS, waivers of the 60-day deadline for a rollover 8 where the deadline is missed for reasons beyond the 9 reasonable control of the account owner, and
- 10 (3) rules permitting a nonspouse beneficiary to 11 return distributions to an inherited individual retire-12 ment plan described in section 408(d)(3)(C) of the In-13 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 in a case where, due to 14 an inadvertent error by a service provider, the bene-15 ficiary had reason to believe that the distribution 16 could be rolled over without inclusion in income of 17 any part of the distributed amount.
- 18 (d) ADDITIONAL SAFE HARBORS.—The Secretary shall
 19 expand the EPCRS to provide additional safe harbor means
 20 of correcting eligible inadvertent failures described in sub21 section (a), including safe harbor means of calculating the
 22 earnings which must be restored to a plan in cases where
 23 plan assets have been depleted by reason of an eligible inad24 vertent failure.

1	(e) Eligible Inadvertent Failure.—For purposes
2	of this section—
3	(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
4	graph (2), the term "eligible inadvertent failure"
5	means a failure that occurs despite the existence of
6	practices and procedures which—
7	(A) satisfy the standards set forth in section
8	4.04 of Revenue Procedure 2019–19 (or any suc-
9	cessor guidance), or
10	(B) satisfy similar standards in the case of
11	an individual retirement plan.
12	(2) Exception.—The term "eligible inadvertent
13	failure" shall not include any failure which is egre-
14	gious, relates to the diversion or misuse of plan assets,
15	or is directly or indirectly related to an abusive tax
16	$avoidance\ transaction.$
17	(f) Application of Certain Requirements for
18	Correcting Errors.—This section shall not apply to any
19	failure unless the correction of such failure under this sec-
20	tion is made in conformity with the general principles that
21	apply to corrections of such failures under the Internal Rev-
22	enue Code of 1986, including regulations or other guidance
23	issued thereunder and including those principles and cor-
24	rections set forth in Revenue Procedure 2019–19 (or any
25	successor quidance)."

1	SEC. 308. ELIMINATE THE "FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH" RE-
2	QUIREMENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL SECTION
3	457(B) PLANS.
4	(a) In General.—Paragraph (4) of section 457(b) of
5	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as
6	follows:
7	"(4) which provides that compensation—
8	"(A) in the case of an eligible employer de-
9	scribed in subsection $(e)(1)(A)$, will be deferred
10	only if an agreement providing for such deferral
11	has been entered into before the compensation is
12	currently available to the individual, and
13	"(B) in any other case, will be deferred for
14	any calendar month only if an agreement pro-
15	viding for such deferral has been entered into be-
16	fore the beginning of such month,".
17	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this
18	section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date
19	of the enactment of this Act.
20	SEC. 309. ONE-TIME ELECTION FOR QUALIFIED CHARI-
21	TABLE DISTRIBUTION TO SPLIT-INTEREST
22	ENTITY; INCREASE IN QUALIFIED CHARI-
23	TABLE DISTRIBUTION LIMITATION.
24	(a) One-time Election for Qualified Charitable
25	DISTRIBUTION TO SPLIT-INTEREST ENTITY.—Section

1	408(d)(8) of such Code is amended by adding at the end
2	the following new subparagraph:
3	"(F) One-time election for qualified
4	CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION TO SPLIT-INTEREST
5	ENTITY.—
6	"(i) In general.—A taxpayer may
7	for a taxable year elect under this subpara-
8	graph to treat as meeting the requirement of
9	$subparagraph\ (B)(i)\ any\ distribution\ from$
10	an individual retirement account which is
11	made directly by the trustee to a split-inter-
12	est entity, but only if—
13	"(I) an election is not in effect
14	under this subparagraph for a pre-
15	ceding taxable year,
16	"(II) the aggregate amount of dis-
17	tributions of the taxpayer with respect
18	to which an election under this sub-
19	paragraph is made does not exceed
20	\$50,000, and
21	"(III) such distribution meets the
22	requirements of clauses (iii) and (iv).
23	"(ii) Split-interest entity.—For
24	purposes of this subparagraph, the term
25	'split-interest entity' means—

1	"(I) a charitable remainder annu-
2	ity trust (as defined in section
3	664(d)(1)), but only if such trust is
4	funded exclusively by qualified chari-
5	$table\ distributions,$
6	"(II) a charitable remainder
7	unitrust (as defined in section
8	664(d)(2)), but only if such unitrust is
9	funded exclusively by qualified chari-
10	table distributions, or
11	"(III) a charitable gift annuity
12	(as defined in section $501(m)(5)$), but
13	only if such annuity is funded exclu-
14	sively by qualified charitable distribu-
15	tions and commences fixed payments of
16	5 percent or greater not later than 1
17	year from the date of funding.
18	"(iii) Contributions must be oth-
19	ERWISE DEDUCTIBLE.—A distribution
20	meets the requirement of this clause only
21	if—
22	"(I) in the case of a distribution
23	to a charitable remainder annuity
24	trust or a charitable remainder uni-
25	trust, a deduction for the entire value

1	of the remainder interest in the dis-
2	tribution for the benefit of a specified
3	charitable organization would be al-
4	lowable under section 170 (determined
5	without regard to subsection (b) thereof
6	and this paragraph), and
7	"(II) in the case of a charitable
8	gift annuity, a deduction in an
9	amount equal to the amount of the dis-
10	tribution reduced by the value of the
11	annuity described in section
12	501(m)(5)(B) would be allowable under
13	section 170 (determined without regard
14	to subsection (b) thereof and this para-
15	graph).
16	"(iv) Limitation on income inter-
17	ESTS.—A distribution meets the require-
18	ments of this clause only if—
19	"(I) no person holds an income
20	interest in the split-interest entity
21	other than the individual for whose
22	benefit such account is maintained, the
23	spouse of such individual, or both, and
24	"(II) the income interest in the
25	split-interest entity is nonassignable.

1	"(v) Special rules.—
2	"(I) Charitable remainder
3	TRUSTS.—Notwithstanding section
4	664(b), distributions made from a trust
5	described in subclause (I) or (II) of
6	clause (ii) shall be treated as ordinary
7	income in the hands of the beneficiary
8	to whom the annuity described in sec-
9	tion $664(d)(1)(A)$ or the payment de-
10	scribed in section $664(d)(2)(A)$ is paid.
11	"(II) Charitable gift annu-
12	ITIES.—Qualified charitable distribu-
13	tions made to fund a charitable gift
14	annuity shall not be treated as an in-
15	vestment in the contract for purposes of
16	section $72(c)$.".
17	(b) Inflation Adjustment.—Section 408(d)(8) of
18	such Code, as amended by subsection (a), is amended by
19	adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
20	"(G) Inflation adjustment.—
21	"(i) In general.—In the case of any
22	taxable year beginning after 2021, each of
23	the dollar amounts in subparagraphs (A)
24	and (F) shall be increased by an amount
25	equal to—

1	"(I) such dollar amount, multi-
2	$plied\ by$
3	"(II) the cost-of-living adjustment
4	determined under $section$ $1(f)(3)$ for
5	the calendar year in which the taxable
6	year begins, determined by substituting
7	'calendar year 2020' for 'calendar year
8	2016' in subparagraph (A)(ii) thereof.
9	"(ii) Rounding.—If any dollar
10	amount increased under clause (i) is not a
11	multiple of \$1,000, such dollar amount shall
12	be rounded to the nearest multiple of
13	\$1,000.''.
14	(c) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this
15	section shall apply to distributions made in taxable years
16	ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.
17	SEC. 310. DISTRIBUTIONS TO FIREFIGHTERS.
18	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (A) of section
19	72(t)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
20	by striking "414(d))" and inserting "414(d)) or a distribu-
21	tion from a plan described in clause (iii), (iv), or (vi) of
22	section $402(c)(8)(B)$ to an employee who provides fire-
23	fighting services".
24	(b) Conforming Amendment.—The heading of para-
25	graph (10) of section 72(t) of such Code is amended—

1	(1) by striking "QUALIFIED", and
2	(2) by striking "In Governmental Plans".
3	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
4	section shall apply to distributions made after December 31,
5	2021.
6	SEC. 311. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN DISABILITY-RELATED
7	FIRST RESPONDER RETIREMENT PAYMENTS.
8	(a) In General.—Part III of subchapter B of chapter
9	1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
10	serting after section 139B the following new section:
11	"SEC. 139C. CERTAIN DISABILITY-RELATED FIRST RE-
12	SPONDER RETIREMENT PAYMENTS.
13	"(a) In General.—In the case of an individual who
14	receives qualified first responder retirement payments for
15	any taxable year, gross income shall not include so much
16	of such payments as do not exceed the annualized excludable
17	disability amount with respect to such individual.
18	"(b) Qualified First Responder Retirement
19	Payments.—For purposes of this section, the term 'quali-
20	fied first responder retirement payments' means, with re-
21	spect to any taxable year, any pension or annuity which
22	but for this section would be includible in gross income for
23	such taxable year and which is received—
24	"(1) from a plan described in clause (iii), (iv),
25	(v), or (vi) of section $402(c)(8)(B)$, and

1	"(2) in connection with such individual's quali-
2	fied first responder service.
3	"(c) Annualized Excludable Disability
4	Amount.—For purposes of this section—
5	"(1) In general.—The term 'annualized exclud-
6	able disability amount' means, with respect to any
7	individual, the service-connected excludable disability
8	amounts which are properly attributable to the 12-
9	month period immediately preceding the date on
10	which such individual attains retirement age.
11	"(2) Service-connected excludable dis-
12	ABILITY AMOUNT.—The term 'service-connected ex-
13	cludable disability amount' means periodic payments
14	received by an individual which—
15	"(A) are not includible in such individual's
16	gross income under section $104(a)(1)$,
17	"(B) are received in connection with such
18	individual's qualified first responder service, and
19	"(C) terminate when such individual at-
20	tains retirement age.
21	"(3) Special rule for partial-year pay-
22	MENTS.—In the case of an individual who only re-
23	ceives service-connected excludable disability amounts
24	properly attributable to a portion of the 12-month pe-
25	riod described in paragraph (1), such paragraph shall

1	be applied by multiplying such amounts by the ratio
2	of 365 to the number of days in such period to which
3	such amounts were properly attributable.
4	"(d) Qualified First Responder Service.—For
5	purposes of this section, the term 'qualified first responder
6	service' means service as a law enforcement officer, fire-
7	fighter, paramedic, or emergency medical technician.".
8	(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections for
9	part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amend-
10	ed by inserting after the item relating to section 139B the
11	following new item:
	"Sec. 139C. Certain disability-related first responder retirement payments.".
12	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
13	section shall apply to amounts received with respect to tax-
14	able years beginning after December 31, 2026.
15	SEC. 312. INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT PLAN STATUTE OF LIM-
16	ITATIONS FOR EXCISE TAX ON EXCESS CON-
17	TRIBUTIONS AND CERTAIN ACCUMULATIONS.
18	Section 6501(l) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
19	is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
20	graph:
21	"(4) Individual retirement plans.—
22	"(A) In general.—For purposes of any
23	tax imposed by section 4973 or 4974 in connec-
24	tion with an individual retirement plan, the re-
25	turn referred to in this section shall be the in-

1	come tax return filed by the person on whom the
2	tax under such section is imposed for the year in
3	which the act (or failure to act) giving rise to the
4	liability for such tax occurred.
5	"(B) Rule in case of individuals not
6	REQUIRED TO FILE RETURN.—In the case of a
7	person who is not required to file an income tax
8	return for such year—
9	"(i) the return referred to in this sec-
10	tion shall be the income tax return that
11	such person would have been required to file
12	but for the fact that such person was not re-
13	quired to file such return, and
14	"(ii) the 3-year period referred to in
15	subsection (a) with respect to the return
16	shall be deemed to begin on the date by
17	which the return would have been required
18	to be filed (excluding any extension there-
19	of).".
20	SEC. 313. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE PAPER STATEMENTS
21	IN CERTAIN CASES.
22	(a) In General.—Section 105(a)(2) of the Employee
23	Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.
24	1025(a)(2)) is amended—

1	(1) in subparagraph $(A)(iv)$, by inserting "sub-
2	ject to subparagraph (E)," before "may be delivered";
3	and
4	(2) by adding at the end the following:
5	"(E) Provision of Paper Statements.—
6	With respect to at least 1 pension benefit state-
7	ment furnished for a calendar year with respect
8	to an individual account plan under paragraph
9	(1)(A), and with respect to at least 1 pension
10	benefit statement furnished every 3 calendar
11	years with respect to a defined benefit plan
12	under paragraph (1)(B), such statement shall be
13	furnished on paper in written form except—
14	"(i) in the case of a plan that furnishes
15	such statement in accordance with section
16	2520.104b-1(c) of title 29, Code of Federal
17	$Regulations;\ or$
18	"(ii) in the case of a plan that permits
19	a participant or beneficiary to request that
20	the statements referred to in the matter pre-
21	ceding clause (i) be furnished by electronic
22	delivery, if the participant or beneficiary
23	requests that such statements be delivered
24	electronically and the statements are so de-
25	livered.".

(b) Implementation.—

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(1) In General.—The Secretary of Labor shall, not later than December 31, 2021, update section 2520.104b-1(c) of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, to provide that a plan may furnish the statements referred to in subparagraph (E) of section 105(a)(2) by electronic delivery only if, in addition to meeting the other requirements under the regulations—

(A) such plan furnishes each participant or beneficiary, including participants described in subparagraph (B), a one-time initial notice on paper in written form, prior to the electronic delivery of any pension benefit statement, of their right to request that all documents required to be disclosed under title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 be furnished on paper in written form; and

(B) such plan furnishes each participant who is separated from service with at least 1 pension benefit statement on paper in written form for each calendar year, unless, on election of the participant, the participant receives such statements electronically.

1	(2) OTHER GUIDANCE.—In implementing the
2	amendment made by subsection (a) with respect to a
3	plan that discloses required documents or statements
4	electronically, in accordance with applicable guidance
5	governing electronic disclosure by the Department of
6	Labor (with the exception of section 2520.104b-1(c) of
7	title 29, Code of Federal Regulations), the Secretary
8	of Labor shall, not later than December 31, 2021, up-
9	date such guidance to the extent necessary to ensure
10	that—
11	(A) a participant or beneficiary under such
12	a plan is permitted the opportunity to request
13	that any disclosure required to be delivered on
14	paper under applicable guidance by the Depart-
15	ment of Labor shall be furnished by electronic
16	delivery;
17	(B) each paper statement furnished under
18	such a plan pursuant to the amendment shall in-
19	clude—
20	(i) an explanation of how to request
21	that all such statements, and any other doc-
22	ument required to be disclosed under title I
23	of the Employee Retirement Income Secu-
24	rity Act of 1974, be furnished by electronic
25	$delivery;\ and$

1	(ii) contact information for the plan
2	sponsor, including a telephone number;
3	(C) the plan may not charge any fee to a
4	participant or beneficiary for the delivery of any
5	paper statements;
6	(D) each paper pension benefit statement
7	shall identify each plan document required to be
8	disclosed and shall include information about
9	how a participant or beneficiary may access
10	each such document;
11	(E) each document required to be disclosed
12	that is furnished by electronic delivery under
13	such a plan shall include an explanation of how
14	to request that all such documents be furnished
15	on paper in written form; and
16	(F) a plan is permitted to furnish a dupli-
17	cate electronic statement in any case in which
18	the plan furnishes a paper pension benefit state-
19	ment.
20	(c) Effective Date.—The amendment made by sub-
21	section (a) shall apply with respect to plan years beginning
22	after December 31, 2022.

1	SEC. 314. SEPARATE APPLICATION OF TOP HEAVY RULES
2	TO DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS COV-
3	ERING EXCLUDIBLE EMPLOYEES.
4	(a) In General.—Section 416(c)(2) of the Internal
5	Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
6	the following:
7	"(C) SEPARATE APPLICATION TO EMPLOY-
8	EES NOT MEETING AGE AND SERVICE REQUIRE-
9	MENTS.—If employees not meeting the age or
10	service requirements of section $410(a)(1)$ (with-
11	out regard to subparagraph (B) thereof) are cov-
12	ered under a plan of the employer which meets
13	the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B)
14	separately with respect to such employees, such
15	employees may be excluded from consideration in
16	determining whether any plan of the employer
17	meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and
18	(B).".
19	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by sub-
20	section (a) shall apply to plan years beginning after the
21	date of the enactment of this Act.
22	SEC. 315. REPAYMENT OF QUALIFIED BIRTH OR ADOPTION
23	DISTRIBUTION LIMITED TO 3 YEARS.
24	(a) In General.—Section $72(t)(2)(H)(v)(I)$ of the In-
25	ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "may
26	make" and inserting "may, at any time during the 3-year

1	period beginning on the day after the date on which such
2	distribution was received, make".
3	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this
4	section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of
5	section 113 of the Setting Every Community Up for Retire-
6	ment Enhancement Act of 2019.
7	SEC. 316. EMPLOYER MAY RELY ON EMPLOYEE CERTIFYING
8	THAT DEEMED HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTION
9	CONDITIONS ARE MET.
10	(a) Cash or Deferred Arrangements.—Section
11	401(k)(14) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
12	by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
13	"(C) Employee certification.—In deter-
14	mining whether a distribution is upon the hard-
15	ship of an employee, the administrator of the
16	plan may rely on a certification by the employee
17	that the distribution is on account of a financial
18	need of a type that is deemed in regulations pre-
19	scribed by the Secretary to be an immediate and
20	heavy financial need and that such distribution
21	is not in excess of the amount required to satisfy
22	such financial need.".
23	(b) 403(b) Plans.—

- 1 (1) CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS.—Section 403(b)(7) of 2 such Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-3 lowing new subparagraph:
- 4 "(D) Employee certification.—In determining whether a distribution is upon the finan-5 6 cial hardship of an employee, the administrator 7 of the plan may rely on a certification by the 8 employee that the distribution is on account of 9 a financial need of a type that is deemed in reg-10 ulations prescribed by the Secretary to be an im-11 mediate and heavy financial need and that such 12 distribution is not in excess of the amount re-13 quired to satisfy such financial need.".
 - (2) Annuity contracts.—Section 403(b)(11) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following: "In determining whether a distribution is upon hardship of an employee, the administrator of the plan may rely on a certification by the employee that the distribution is on account of a financial need of a type that is deemed in regulations prescribed by the Secretary to be an immediate and heavy financial need and that such distribution is not in excess of the amount required to satisfy such financial need.".
- 24 (c) 457(b) PLAN.—Section 457(d) of such Code is 25 amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

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1	"(4) Participant certification.—In deter-
2	mining whether a distribution of a participant is
3	made when the participant is faced with an unfore-
4	seeable emergency, the administrator of a plan main-
5	tained by an eligible employer described in subsection
6	(e)(1)(A) may rely on a certification by the partici-
7	pant that the distribution is made when the partici-
8	pant is faced with unforeseeable emergency of a type
9	that is specifically described in regulations prescribed
10	by the Secretary as an unforeseeable emergency and
11	that the distribution is not in excess of the amount
12	reasonably necessary to satisfy the emergency need.".
13	(d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
14	section shall apply to plan years beginning after December
15	31, 2021.
16	SEC. 317. PENALTY-FREE WITHDRAWALS FROM RETIRE-
17	MENT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CASE OF
18	DOMESTIC ABUSE.
19	(a) In General.—Section 72(t)(2) of the Internal
20	Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
21	the following new subparagraph:
22	"(I) DISTRIBUTIONS FROM RETIREMENT
23	PLAN IN CASE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE.—
24	"(i) In general.—Any eligible dis-
25	tribution to a domestic abuse victim.

1	"(ii) Limitation.—The aggregate
2	amount which may be treated as an eligible
3	distribution to a domestic abuse victim by
4	any individual shall not exceed an amount
5	equal to the lesser of—
6	"(I) \$10,000, or
7	"(II) 50 percent of the present
8	value of the nonforfeitable accrued ben-
9	efit of the employee under the plan.
10	"(iii) Eligible distribution to A
11	DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIM.—For purposes of
12	this subparagraph—
13	"(I) In general.—A distribution
14	shall be treated as an eligible distribu-
15	tion to a domestic abuse victim if such
16	distribution is from an applicable eli-
17	gible retirement plan to an individual
18	and made during the 1-year period be-
19	ginning on any date on which the in-
20	dividual is a victim of domestic abuse
21	by a spouse or domestic partner.
22	"(II) Domestic abuse.—The
23	term 'domestic abuse' means physical,
24	psychological, sexual, emotional, or
25	economic abuse, including efforts to

1	control, isolate, humiliate, or intimi-
2	date the victim, or to undermine the
3	victim's ability to reason independ-
4	ently, including by means of abuse of
5	the victim's child or another family
6	member living in the household.
7	"(iv) Treatment of plan distribu-
8	TIONS.—
9	"(I) In general.—If a distribu-
10	tion to an individual would (without
11	regard to clause (ii)) be an eligible dis-
12	tribution to a domestic abuse victim,
13	a plan shall not be treated as failing
14	to meet any requirement of this title
15	merely because the plan treats the dis-
16	tribution as an eligible distribution to
17	a domestic abuse victim, unless the ag-
18	gregate amount of such distributions
19	from all plans maintained by the em-
20	ployer (and any member of any con-
21	trolled group which includes the em-
22	ployer) to such individual exceeds the
23	limitation under clause (ii).
24	"(II) Controlled Group.—For
25	purposes of subclause (I), the term

1	'controlled group' means any group
2	treated as a single employer under sub-
3	section (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section
4	414.
5	"(v) Amount distributed may be
6	REPAID.—
7	"(I) In General.—Any indi-
8	vidual who receives a distribution de-
9	scribed in clause (i) may, at any time
10	during the 3-year period beginning on
11	the day after the date on which such
12	distribution was received, make one or
13	more contributions in an aggregate
14	amount not to exceed the amount of
15	such distribution to an applicable eli-
16	gible retirement plan of which such in-
17	dividual is a beneficiary and to which
18	a rollover contribution of such dis-
19	tribution could be made under section
20	402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3),
21	or 457(e)(16), as the case may be.
22	"(II) Limitation on contribu-
23	TIONS TO APPLICABLE ELIGIBLE RE-
24	TIREMENT PLANS OTHER THAN
25	IRAs.—The aggregate amount of con-

1 tributions made by an individual 2 under subclause (I) to any applicable eligible retirement plan which is not 3 4 an individual retirement plan shall 5 not exceed the aggregate amount of eli-6 gible distributions to a domestic abuse 7 victim which are made from such plan 8 to such individual. Subclause (I) shall 9 not apply to contributions to any ap-10 plicable eligible retirement plan which 11 is not an individual retirement plan 12 unless the individual is eligible to 13 make contributions (other than those 14 described in subclause (I)) to such ap-15 plicable eligible retirement plan. 16 "(III) TREATMENT OF REPAY-17 MENTS OF DISTRIBUTIONS FROM AP-18 PLICABLE **ELIGIBLE** RETIREMENT 19 PLANS OTHER THAN IRAS.—If a con-20 tribution is made under subclause (I) 21 with respect to an eligible distribution 22 to a domestic abuse victim from an ap-23 plicable eligible retirement plan other 24 than an individual retirement plan,

then the taxpayer shall, to the extent of

1 the amount of the contribution, be 2 treated as having received such dis-3 tribution in an eligible rollover distribution (as defined in section 5 402(c)(4)) and as having transferred 6 the amount to the applicable eligible 7 retirement plan in a direct trustee to 8 trustee transfer within 60 days of the 9 distribution. "(IV) 10 TREATMENT OF REPAY-11 MENTSFORDISTRIBUTIONS FROM12 IRAS.—If a contribution is made under 13 subclause (I) with respect to an eligible 14 distribution to a domestic abuse victim

MENTS FOR DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRAS.—If a contribution is made under subclause (I) with respect to an eligible distribution to a domestic abuse victim from an individual retirement plan, then, to the extent of the amount of the contribution, such distribution shall be treated as a distribution described in section 408(d)(3) and as having been transferred to the applicable eligible retirement plan in a direct trustee to trustee transfer within 60 days of the distribution.

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1	"(vi) Definition and special
2	RULES.—For purposes of this subpara-
3	graph:
4	"(I) APPLICABLE ELIGIBLE RE-
5	TIREMENT PLAN.—The term 'applica-
6	ble eligible retirement plan' means an
7	eligible retirement plan (as defined in
8	section $402(c)(8)(B)$) other than a de-
9	fined benefit plan.
10	"(II) Exemption of distribu-
11	TIONS FROM TRUSTEE TO TRUSTEE
12	TRANSFER AND WITHHOLDING
13	RULES.—For purposes of sections
14	401(a)(31), 402(f), and 3405, an eligi-
15	ble distribution to a domestic abuse
16	victim shall not be treated as an eligi-
17	$ble\ rollover\ distribution.$
18	"(III) Distributions treated
19	AS MEETING PLAN DISTRIBUTION RE-
20	QUIREMENTS; SELF-CERTIFICATION.—
21	Any distribution which the employee
22	or participant certifies as being an eli-
23	gible distribution to a domestic abuse
24	victim shall be treated as meeting the
25	requirements of sections

1	401(k)(2)(B)(i), $403(b)(7)(A)(i),$
2	403(b)(11), and 457(d)(1)(A).".
3	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
4	section shall apply to distributions made after the date of
5	the enactment of this Act.
6	SEC. 318. REFORM OF FAMILY ATTRIBUTION RULE.
7	(a) In General.—Section 414 of the Internal Revenue
8	Code of 1986 is amended—
9	(1) in subsection (b)—
10	(A) by striking "For purposes of" and in-
11	serting the following:
12	"(1) In general.—For purposes of", and
13	(B) by adding at the end the following new
14	paragraphs:
15	"(2) Special rules for applying family at-
16	TRIBUTION.—For purposes of applying the attribu-
17	tion rules under section 1563 with respect to para-
18	graph (1), the following rules apply:
19	"(A) Community property laws shall be dis-
20	regarded for purposes of determining ownership.
21	"(B) Except as provided by the Secretary,
22	stock of an individual not attributed under sec-
23	tion 1563(e)(5) to such individual's spouse shall
24	not be attributed to such spouse by reason of sec-
25	$tion \ 1563(e)(6)(A)$.

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	"(C) Except as provided by the Secretary,
2	in the case of stock in different corporations that
3	is attributed to a child under section
4	1563(e)(6)(A) from each parent, and is not at-
5	tributed to such parents as spouses under section
6	1563(e)(5), such attribution to the child shall not
7	by itself result in such corporations being mem-
8	bers of the same controlled group.
9	"(3) Plan shall not fail to be treated as
10	Satisfying this section.—If application of para-
11	graph (2) causes two or more entities to be a con-
12	trolled group, or an affiliated service group, or to no
13	longer be in a controlled group or an affiliated service
14	group, such change shall be treated as a transaction
15	to which section 410(b)(6)(C) applies.", and
16	(2) in subsection $(m)(6)(B)$, by striking "apply"
17	and inserting "apply, except that community prop-
18	erty laws shall be disregarded for purposes of deter-
19	mining ownership".
20	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
21	section shall apply to plan years beginning on or after the

22 date of the enactment of this section.

1	SEC. 319. AMENDMENTS TO INCREASE BENEFIT ACCRUALS
2	UNDER PLAN FOR PREVIOUS PLAN YEAR AL-
3	LOWED UNTIL EMPLOYER TAX RETURN DUE
4	DATE.
5	(a) In General.—Section 401(b) of the Internal Rev-
6	enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
7	following new paragraph:
8	"(3) Retroactive plan amendments that in-
9	CREASE BENEFIT ACCRUALS.—If—
10	"(A) an employer amends a stock bonus,
11	pension, profit-sharing, or annuity plan to in-
12	crease benefits accrued under the plan effective
13	for the preceding plan year (other than increas-
14	ing the amount of matching contributions (as de-
15	fined in subsection $(m)(4)(A))$,
16	"(B) such amendment would not otherwise
17	cause the plan to fail to meet any of the require-
18	ments of this subchapter, and
19	"(C) such amendment is adopted before the
20	time prescribed by law for filing the return of
21	the employer for a taxable year (including exten-
22	sions thereof) during which such amendment is
23	effective,
24	the employer may elect to treat such amendment as
25	having been adopted as of the last day of the plan
26	year in which the amendment is effective.".

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
- 2 section shall apply to plan years beginning after December
- 3 31, 2022.
- 4 SEC. 320. RETROACTIVE FIRST YEAR ELECTIVE DEFERRALS
- 5 FOR SOLE PROPRIETORS.
- 6 (a) In General.—Section 401(b)(2) of the Internal
- 7 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
- 8 the following: "In the case of an individual who owns the
- 9 entire interest in an unincorporated trade or business, and
- 10 who is the only employee of such trade or business, any
- 11 elective deferrals (as defined in section 402(g)(3)) under a
- 12 qualified cash or deferred arrangement to which the pre-
- 13 ceding sentence applies, which are made by such individual
- 14 before the time for filing the return of such individual for
- 15 the taxable year (determined without regard to any exten-
- 16 sions) ending after or with the end of the plan's first year,
- 17 shall be treated as having been made before the end of such
- 18 first plan year.".
- 19 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by this
- 20 section shall apply to plan years beginning after the date
- 21 of the enactment of this Act.

1	SEC. 321. LIMITING CESSATION OF IRA TREATMENT TO
2	PORTION OF ACCOUNT INVOLVED IN A PRO-
3	HIBITED TRANSACTION.
4	(a) In General.—Section 408(e)(2)(A) of the Internal
5	Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "such account
6	ceases to be an individual retirement account" and insert-
7	ing the following: "the portion of such account which is used
8	in such transaction shall be treated as distributed to the
9	individual".
10	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
11	(1) Section 408(e)(2)(B) of such Code is amend-
12	ed—
13	(A) by striking "ALL ITS ASSETS.—In any
14	case" and all that follows through "by reason of
15	subparagraph (A)" and inserting the following:
16	"PORTION OF ASSETS USED IN PROHIBITED
17	TRANSACTION.—In any case in which a portion
18	of an individual retirement account is treated as
19	distributed under subparagraph (A)", and
20	(B) by striking "all assets in the account"
21	and inserting "such portion".
22	(2) Section 4975(c)(3) of such Code is amended
23	by striking "the account ceases" and all that follows
24	and inserting the following: "the portion of the ac-
25	count used in the transaction is treated as distributed
26	under paragraph $(2)(A)$ or (4) of section $408(e)$.".

1	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
2	section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date
3	of the enactment of this Act.
4	TITLE IV—TECHNICAL
5	AMENDMENTS
6	SEC. 401. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO SETTING EVERY
7	COMMUNITY UP FOR RETIREMENT ENHANCE-
8	MENT ACT OF 2019.
9	(a) Technical Amendments.—
10	(1) Amendment relating to section 114.—
11	Section 401(a)(9)(C)(iii) of the Internal Revenue
12	Code of 1986 is amended by striking "employee to
13	whom clause (i)(II) applies" and inserting "employee
14	(other than an employee to whom clause (i)(II) does
15	not apply by reason of clause (ii))".
16	(2) Amendment relating to section 116.—
17	Section 4973(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
18	is amended by adding at the end of the flush matter
19	the following: "Such term shall not include any des-
20	ignated nondeductible contribution (as defined in sub-
21	paragraph (C) of section 408(o)(2)) which does not
22	exceed the nondeductible limit under subparagraph
23	(B) thereof by reason of an election under section
24	408(a)(5)."

1	(3) Effective date.—The amendments made
2	by this section shall take effect as if included in sec-
3	tion of the Setting Every Community Up for Retire-
4	ment Enhancement Act of 2019 to which the amend-
5	ment relates.
6	(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Section
7	72(t)(2)(H)(vi)(IV) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
8	is amended by striking "403(b)(7)(A)(ii)" and inserting "
9	403(b)(7)(A)(i)".
10	TITLE V—ADMINISTRATIVE
11	PROVISIONS
12	SEC. 501. PROVISIONS RELATING TO PLAN AMENDMENTS.
13	(a) In General.—If this section applies to any retire-
14	ment plan or contract amendment—
15	(1) such retirement plan or contract shall be
16	treated as being operated in accordance with the
17	terms of the plan during the period described in sub-
18	section $(b)(2)(A)$; and
19	(2) except as provided by the Secretary of the
20	Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate), such retirement
21	plan shall not fail to meet the requirements of section
22	411(d)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and
23	section 204(g) of the Employee Retirement Income Se-
24	curity Act of 1974 by reason of such amendment.
25	(b) Amendments to Which Section Applies.—

1	(1) In general.—This section shall apply to
2	any amendment to any retirement plan or annuity
3	contract which is made—
4	(A) pursuant to any amendment made by
5	this Act or pursuant to any regulation issued by
6	the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary of
7	Labor (or a delegate of either such Secretary)
8	under this Act; and
9	(B) on or before the last day of the first
10	plan year beginning on or after January 1,
11	2023, or such later date as the Secretary of the
12	Treasury may prescribe.
13	In the case of a governmental plan (as defined in sec-
14	tion 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986),
15	this paragraph shall be applied by substituting
16	"2025" for "2023".
17	(2) Conditions.—This section shall not apply to
18	any amendment unless—
19	(A) during the period—
20	(i) beginning on the date the legislative
21	or regulatory amendment described in para-
22	graph (1)(A) takes effect (or in the case of
23	a plan or contract amendment not required
24	by such legislative or regulatory amend-

1	ment, the effective date specified by the
2	plan); and
3	(ii) ending on the date described in
4	paragraph (1)(B) (as modified by the sec-
5	ond sentence of paragraph (1)) (or, if ear-
6	lier, the date the plan or contract amend-
7	$ment\ is\ adopted),$
8	the plan or contract is operated as if such plan
9	or contract amendment were in effect; and
10	(B) such plan or contract amendment ap-
11	plies retroactively for such period.
12	(c) Coordination With Other Provisions Relat-
13	ing to Plan Amendments.—
14	(1) SECURE ACT.—Section 601(b)(1) of the Set-
15	ting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhance-
16	ment Act of 2019 is amended—
17	(A) by striking "January 1, 2022" in sub-
18	paragraph (B) and inserting "January 1,
19	2023", and
20	(B) by striking "substituting '2024' for
21	'2022'." in the flush matter at the end and in-
22	serting "substituting '2025' for '2023'.".
23	(2) CARES ACT.—
24	(A) Special rules for use of retire-
25	MENT FUNDS.—Section $2202(c)(2)(A)$ of the

1	CARES Act is amended by striking "January 1,
2	2022" in clause (ii) and inserting "January 1,
3	2023".
4	(B) Temporary waiver of required min-
5	IMUM DISTRIBUTIONS RULES FOR CERTAIN RE-
6	TIREMENT PLANS AND ACCOUNTS.—Section
7	2203(c)(2)(B)(i) of the CARES Act is amend-
8	ed—
9	(i) by striking "January 1, 2022" in
10	subclause (II) and inserting "January 1,
11	2023", and
12	(ii) by striking "substituting '2024' for
13	'2022'." in the flush matter at the end and
14	inserting "substituting '2025' for '2023'.".
15	(C) Taxpayer certainty and disaster
16	TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2020.—Section $302(d)(2)(A)$
17	of the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Re-
18	lief Act of 2020 is amended by striking "Janu-
19	ary 1, 2022" in clause (ii) and inserting "Janu-
20	ary 1, 2023".
21	TITLE VI—REVENUE
22	PROVISIONS
23	SEC. 601. SIMPLE AND SEP ROTH IRAS.
24	(a) In General.—Section 408A of the Internal Rev-
25	enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsection (f).

1	(b) Rules Relating to Simplified Employee Pen-
2	SIONS.—
3	(1) Contributions.—Section 402(h)(1) of such
4	Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of sub-
5	paragraph (A), by striking the period at the end of
6	subparagraph (B) and inserting ", and", and by add-
7	ing at the end the following new subparagraph:
8	"(C) in the case of any contributions pursu-
9	ant to a simplified employer pension which are
10	made to an individual retirement plan des-
11	ignated as a Roth IRA, such contribution shall
12	not be excludable from gross income.".
13	(2) Distributions.—Section 402(h)(3) of such
14	Code is amended by inserting ", or section 408A(d)
15	in the case of an individual retirement plan des-
16	ignated as a Roth IRA" before the period at the end.
17	(3) Election required.—Section 408(k) of
18	such Code is amended by redesignating paragraphs
19	(7), (8), and (9) as paragraphs (8), (9), and (10), re-
20	spectively, and by inserting the after paragraph (6)
21	the following new paragraph:
22	"(7) Roth contribution election.—An indi-
23	vidual retirement plan which is designated as a Roth
24	IRA shall not be treated as a simplified employee
25	pension under this subsection unless the employee

1	elects for such plan to be so treated (at such time and
2	in such manner as the Secretary may provide).".

- 3 (c) Rules Relating to Simple Retirement Ac-4 counts.—
- 5 (1) ELECTION REQUIRED.—Section 408(p) of 6 such Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-7 lowing new paragraph:
 - "(11) ROTH CONTRIBUTION ELECTION.—An individual retirement plan which is designated as a Roth IRA shall not be treated as a simple retirement account under this subsection unless the employee elects for such plan to be so treated (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may provide).".
 - (2) ROLLOVERS.—Section 408A(e) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
 - "(3) SIMPLE RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.—In the case of any payment or distribution out of a simple retirement account (as defined in section 408(p)) with respect to which an election has been made under section 408(p)(11) and to which 72(t)(6) applies, the term 'qualified rollover contribution' shall not include any payment or distribution paid into an account other than another simple retirement account (as so defined)."

1	(d) Coordination With Roth Contribution Limi-			
2	TATION.—Section 408A(c) of such Code is amended by add-			
3	ing at the end the following new paragraph:			
4	"(7) Coordination with limitation for sim-			
5	PLE RETIREMENT PLANS AND SEPS.—In the case of			
6	an individual on whose behalf contributions are made			
7	to a simple retirement account or a simplified em-			
8	ployee pension, the amount described in paragraph			
9	(2)(A) shall be increased by an amount equal to the			
10	contributions made on the individual's behalf to such			
11	account or pension for the taxable year, but only to			
12	the extent such contributions—			
13	"(A) in the case of a simplified retirement			
14	account—			
15	"(i) do not exceed the sum of the dollar			
16	amount in effect for the taxable year under			
17	section $408(p)(2)(A)(ii)$ and the employer			
18	contribution required under subparagraph			
19	(A)(iii) or $(B)(i)$, as the case may be, of sec-			
20	$tion \ 408(p)(2), \ and$			
21	"(ii) do not cause the elective deferrals			
22	(as defined in section $402(g)(3)$) on behalf			
23	of such individual to exceed the limitation			
24	under section $402(g)(1)$ (taking into account			

1	any additional elective deferrals permitted					
2	under section $414(v)$), or					
3	"(B) in the case of a simplified employee					
4	pension, do not exceed the limitation in effect					
5	$under\ section\ 408(j).$ ".					
6	(e) Conforming Amendment.—Section					
7	408A(d)(2)(B) of such Code is amended by inserting ", or					
8	employer in the case of a simple retirement account (as de-					
9	fined in section 408(p)) or simplified employee pension (as					
10	defined in section 408(k))," after "individual's spouse".					
11	(f) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this					
12	section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-					
13	ber 31, 2021.					
13 14	ber 31, 2021. SEC. 602. HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR 403(b)					
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14 15	SEC. 602. HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR 403(b) PLANS.					
14 15 16 17	SEC. 602. HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR 403(b) PLANS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(b) of the Internal Rev-					
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14 15 16 17	SEC. 602. HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR 403(b) PLANS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following					
114 115 116 117 118	SEC. 602. HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR 403(b) PLANS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:					
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	SEC. 602. HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR 403(b) PLANS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph: "(16) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO HARDSHIP)					
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	SEC. 602. HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR 403(b) PLANS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph: "(16) Special Rules relating to Hardship Withdrawals.—For purposes of paragraphs (7) and					
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	SEC. 602. HARDSHIP WITHDRAWAL RULES FOR 403(b) PLANS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph: "(16) Special Rules relating to hardship withdrawals.—For purposes of paragraphs (7) and (11)—					

1	"(i) Contributions made pursuant to a
2	salary reduction agreement (within the
3	meaning of section $3121(a)(5)(D)$).
4	"(ii) Qualified nonelective contribu-
5	tions (as defined in section $401(m)(4)(C)$).
6	"(iii) Qualified matching contributions
7	$described in section \ 401(k)(3)(D)(ii)(I).$
8	"(iv) Earnings on any contributions
9	described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii).
10	"(B) No requirement to take avail-
11	ABLE LOAN.—A distribution shall not be treated
12	as failing to be made upon the hardship of an
13	employee solely because the employee does not
14	take any available loan under the plan.".
15	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
16	(1) Section $403(b)(7)(A)(i)(V)$ of such Code is
17	amended by striking "in the case of contributions
18	made pursuant to a salary reduction agreement
19	(within the meaning of section $3121(a)(5)(D)$)" and
20	inserting "subject to the provisions of paragraph
21	(16)".
22	(2) Paragraph (11) of section 403(b) of such
23	Code, as amended by the preceding provisions of this
24	Act, is amended—

1	(A) by striking "in" in subparagraph (B)			
2	and inserting "subject to the provisions of para-			
3	graph (16), in", and			
4	(B) by striking the penultimate sentence.			
5	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this			
6	section shall apply to plan years beginning after December			
7	31, 2021.			
8	SEC. 603. ELECTIVE DEFERRALS GENERALLY LIMITED TO			
9	REGULAR CONTRIBUTION LIMIT.			
10	(a) Applicable Employer Plans.—Section			
11	414(v)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended			
12	by adding at the end the following: "Except in the case of			
13	an applicable employer plan described in paragraph			
14	(6)(iv), the preceding sentence shall only apply if contribu-			
15	tions are designated Roth contributions (as defined in sec-			
16	$tion \ 402A(c)(1))$.".			
17	(b) Conforming Amendments.—			
18	(1) Section $402(g)(1)$ of such Code is amended by			
19	striking subparagraph (C).			
20	(2) Section $457(e)(18)(A)(ii)$ of such Code is			
21	amended by inserting "the lesser of any designated			
22	Roth contributions made by the participant to the			
23	plan or" before "the applicable dollar amount"			

1	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this
2	section shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-
3	ber 31, 2021.
4	SEC. 604. OPTIONAL TREATMENT OF EMPLOYER MATCHING
5	CONTRIBUTIONS AS ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS.
6	(a) In General.—Section 402A(a) of the Internal
7	Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating para-
8	graph (2) as paragraph (3), by striking "and" at the end
9	of paragraph (1), and by inserting after paragraph (1) the
10	following new paragraph:
11	"(2) any designated Roth contribution which is
12	made by the employer to the program on the employ-
13	ee's behalf, and on account of the employee's contribu-
14	tion or elective deferral, shall be treated as a match-
15	ing contribution for purposes of this chapter, except
16	that such contribution shall not be excludable from
17	gross income, and".
18	(b) Matching Included in Qualified Roth Con-
19	TRIBUTION PROGRAM.—Section 402A(b)(1) of such Code is
20	amended—
21	(1) by inserting ", or to have made on the em-
22	ployee's behalf," after "elect to make", and
23	(2) by inserting ", or of matching contributions
24	which may otherwise be made on the employee's be-
25	half." after "otherwise eligible to make".

1	(c) Designated Roth Matching Contributions.—					
2	Section 402A(c)(1) of such Code is amended by inserting					
3	"or matching contribution" after "elective deferral".					
4	(d) Matching Contribution Defined.—Section					
5	402A(e) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the					
6	following:					
7	"(3) Matching contribution.—The term					
8	'matching contribution' means—					
9	"(A) any matching contribution described					
10	in section $401(m)(4)(A)$, and					
11	"(B) any contribution to an eligible de-					
12	ferred compensation plan (as defined in section					
13	457(b)) by an eligible employer described in sec-					
14	tion $457(e)(1)(A)$ on behalf of an employee and					
15	on account of such employee's elective deferral					
16	under such plan.".					
17	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this					
18	section shall apply to contributions made after the date of					
19	the enactment of this Act.					

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