

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced excise tax rate for portable, electronically-aerated bait containers.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fishing Equipment  
5 Tax Relief Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. THREE PERCENT RATE FOR PORTABLE, ELEC-**  
7 **TRONICALLY-AERATED BAIT CONTAINERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4161(a) of the Internal  
9 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating para-

1 graph (4) as paragraph (5) and by inserting after para-  
2 graph (3) the following new paragraph:

3           “(4) 3 PERCENT RATE FOR PORTABLE, ELEC-  
4           TRONICALLY-AERATED BAIT CONTAINERS.—In the  
5           case of portable, electronically-aerated bait con-  
6           tainers, paragraph (1) shall be applied by sub-  
7           stituting ‘3 percent’ for ‘10 percent.’”.

8           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall apply to articles sold by the manufac-  
10 turer, producer, or importer after December 31, 2023.