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H. R. 7428

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require electronically prepared tax returns to include scannable code when submitted on paper.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2022

Ms. PORTER (for herself and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Streamlining IRS Op-
5 erations Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCING THE RESOURCE DRAIN BY REQUIRING**
2 **THAT ELECTRONICALLY PREPARED PAPER**
3 **RETURNS INCLUDE SCANNABLE CODE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6011(e) of the Internal
5 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new paragraph:

7 “(8) SPECIAL RULE FOR RETURNS PREPARED
8 ELECTRONICALLY AND SUBMITTED ON PAPER.—The
9 Secretary shall require that any return of tax which
10 is prepared electronically, but is printed and filed on
11 paper, bear a code which can, when scanned, convert
12 such return to electronic format.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 6011(e)(1)
14 of such Code is amended by striking “paragraph (3)” and
15 inserting “paragraphs (3) and (8)”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to returns of tax the due date for
18 which (determined without regard to extensions) is after
19 December 31, 2022.

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