

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2531

To prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2013

Mr. ROSKAM 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 “Protecting Taxpayers
5 from Intrusive IRS Requests Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON QUESTIONS REGARDING RELI-**
7 **GIUS, POLITICAL, OR SOCIAL BELIEFS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Internal Revenue Service
9 shall not ask any taxpayer any question regarding reli-
10 gious, political, or social beliefs.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING EXCEP-
2 TIONS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) any exceptions to subsection (a) which are
4 provided by later enacted provisions of law should
5 identify the specific questions which are authorized,
6 the class of taxpayers to which such questions are
7 authorized to be asked, and the circumstances under
8 which such questions are authorized to be asked,
9 and

10 (2) if the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue
11 Service determines that asking any class of tax-
12 payers a question prohibited under subsection (a)
13 would aid in the efficient administration of the tax
14 laws, such Commissioner should submit a report to
15 Congress which—

16 (A) includes such question in the verbatim
17 form in which it is to be asked,

18 (B) describes the class of taxpayers to
19 whom the question is to be asked, and

20 (C) describes the circumstances that would
21 be required to exist before the question would
22 be asked.

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