S. 1082

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to defer recognition of reinvested capital gains distributions from regulated investment companies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Crapo (for himself and Mr. Johnson) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 "Generate Retirement
- 5 Ownership Through Long-Term Holding Act of 2009".

1	SEC. 2. DEFERRAL OF REINVESTED CAPITAL GAIN DIVI-
2	DENDS OF REGULATED INVESTMENT COMPA-
3	NIES.
4	(a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter O of chap-
5	ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
6	common nontaxable exchanges) is amended by inserting
7	after section 1045 the following new section:
8	"SEC. 1046. REINVESTED CAPITAL GAIN DIVIDENDS OF
9	REGULATED INVESTMENT COMPANIES.
10	"(a) Nonrecognition of Gain.—In the case of an
11	individual, no gain shall be recognized on the receipt of
12	a capital gain dividend distributed by a regulated invest-
13	ment company to which part I of subchapter M applies
14	if such capital gain dividend is automatically reinvested
15	in additional shares of the company pursuant to a dividend
16	reinvestment plan.
17	"(b) Definitions and Special Rules.—For pur-
18	poses of this section—
19	"(1) Capital gain dividend.—The term 'cap-
20	ital gain dividend' has the meaning given to such
21	term by section $852(b)(3)(C)$.
22	"(2) Recognition of Deferred Capital
23	GAIN DIVIDENDS.—
24	"(A) In general.—Gain treated as unrec-
25	ognized in accordance with subsection (a) shall

1	be recognized in accordance with subparagraph
2	(B)—
3	"(i) upon a subsequent sale or re-
4	demption by such individual of stock in the
5	distributing company, or
6	"(ii) upon the death of the individual.
7	"(B) Gain recognition.—
8	"(i) In general.—Upon a sale or re-
9	demption described in subparagraph (A),
10	the taxpayer shall recognize that portion of
11	total gain treated as unrecognized in ac-
12	cordance with subsection (a) (and not pre-
13	viously recognized pursuant to this sub-
14	paragraph) that is equivalent to the por-
15	tion of the taxpayer's total shares in the
16	distributing company that are sold or re-
17	deemed.
18	"(ii) Death of Individual.—Except
19	as provided by regulations, any portion of
20	such total gain not recognized under clause
21	(i) prior to the taxpayer's death shall be
22	recognized upon the death of the taxpayer
23	and included in the taxpayer's gross in-
24	come for the taxable year ending on the
25	date of the taxpayer's death.

1	"(3) Holding Period.—
2	"(A) GENERAL RULE.—The taxpayer's
3	holding period in shares acquired through rein
4	vestment of a capital gain dividend to which
5	subsection (a) applies shall be determined by
6	treating the shareholder as having held such
7	shares for one year and a day as of the date
8	such shares are acquired.
9	"(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISTRIBUTIONS
10	OF QUALIFIED 5-YEAR GAINS.—In the case of a
11	distribution of a capital gain dividend (or por
12	tion thereof) in a taxable year beginning after
13	December 31, 2010, and properly treated as
14	qualified 5-year gain (within the meaning of
15	section 1(h), as in effect after such date), sub
16	paragraph (A) shall apply by substituting '5
17	years and a day' for 'one year and a day'.
18	"(c) Section Not To Apply to Certain Tax
19	PAYERS.—This section shall not apply to—
20	"(1) an individual with respect to whom a de
21	duction under section 151 is allowable to another
22	taxpayer for a taxable year beginning in the cal
23	endar year in which such individual's taxable year
24	begins, or

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"(2) an estate or trust.

- 1 "(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe 2 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the pur-3 poses of this section.".
- 4 (b) Conforming Amendments.—
- 5 (1) Section 852(b)(3)(B) of such Code is 6 amended by adding at the end the following new 7 sentence: "For rules regarding nonrecognition of 8 gain with respect to reinvested capital gain dividends 9 received by individuals, see section 1046.".
- 10 (2) The table of sections for part III of sub-11 chapter O of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by 12 inserting after the item relating to section 1045 the 13 following new item:

"Sec. 1046. Reinvested capital gain dividends of regulated investment companies.".

14 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 15 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the 16 date of the enactment of this Act.

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