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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to income tax deductions for donations made for  
2 tsunami relief and including effective and retroactive  
3 applicability date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 422.9, subsection 2, Code 2005, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. 1. If the taxpayer makes a cash donation  
4 after December 31, 2004, and before February 1, 2005, to a  
5 charitable organization for the specific purpose of helping  
6 victims in areas affected by the tsunami occurring in December  
7 2004 in the Indian ocean, the taxpayer may elect to claim such  
8 donation as a charitable contribution as defined under section  
9 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the tax year beginning in  
10 the 2004 calendar year.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE AND RETROACTIVE DATES. This Act, being  
12 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment  
13 and applies retroactively to January 1, 2004, for tax years  
14 beginning in the 2004 calendar year.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill allows individuals who make cash contributions to  
17 charitable organizations after December 31, 2004, and before  
18 February 1, 2005, specifically for the purpose of assisting  
19 victims in areas affected by the tsunami occurring in the  
20 Indian ocean to claim the contribution as a charitable  
21 contribution for the tax year beginning in the 2004 calendar  
22 year.

23 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies  
24 retroactively to January 1, 2004, for tax years beginning in  
25 the 2004 calendar year.

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