

MARRIAGE PENALTY RECONCILIATION

Conference Report versus Senate Bill

Provision	Conference Report	Senate Bill
Initial effective date of increased standard deduction, bracket expansion, and EITC phase-out	Year 2000	Year 2001
Standard deduction	Identical to Senate Bill	Increase for married couples to twice that of single individuals
Bracket width expansions for married couples to twice that of single individuals	15 percent bracket is expanded	15 percent and 28 percent brackets are expanded
Effective date of fully phased-in bracket expansion	2004	2007
Increase in EITC top phase-out for joint filers	Increase by \$2,000	Increase by \$2,500
Alternative Minimum Tax	Identical to Senate Bill	Permits nonrefundable personal credits (Hope education credit, \$500 child tax credit) to offset both regular tax and the AMT
Sunset date	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2004
Cost over 5 years	\$110 billion	\$55 billion
Cost over 10 years	\$293 billion	\$248 billion