

## HR 1322

Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act of 2009 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to add a program for emergency retiree health benefit protections.

Prohibits group health plans from reducing retiree health benefits after the retirement of a plan beneficiary. Requires such plans to adopt provisions barring post-retirement reductions in retiree health benefits.

Requires group health plan sponsors to grant retired plan participants the option of benefit restoration. Authorizes the Secretary of Labor to waive or vary requirements for benefit restoration if compliance with such requirements would: (1) be adverse to the interests of plan participants in the aggregate; (2) not be administratively feasible; and (3) cause substantial business hardship to plan sponsors.

Establishes the Emergency Retiree Health Loan Guarantee Program. Authorizes the Program to guarantee loans provided by private financial institutions to assist plan sponsors in meeting benefit restoration obligations under this Act. Terminates loan guarantee authority after 2015.

Authorizes the Secretary to assess civil penalties for violations of this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 29, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.