

## HR 2403

Coal Healthcare and Pensions Protection Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Jun 10, 2015)

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Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Dec 2, 2015
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Dec 2, 2015
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Dec 18, 2015
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Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Mar 17, 2016
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Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		May 17, 2016
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Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jun 9, 2016
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Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jul 14, 2016

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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Sep 28, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 10, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1714	Related bill	<b>Jul 7, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of May 18, 2015)

### Coal Healthcare and Pensions Protection Act of 2015

Amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to address potential shortages in the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan for payment of health care benefits to retired coal miners by expanding the eligible uses of interest transferable to the plan from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, and supplemental payments from the General Fund of the Treasury.

Requires calculation of such amount by taking into account only those beneficiaries who are actually enrolled in the plan as of the enactment of this Act, as well as those retirees whose health benefits, payable directly by an employer in the bituminous coal industry under a coal wage agreement as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding commenced in 2012, would be denied or reduced.

Requires the Department of the Treasury to transfer to the trustees of the 1974 United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) Pension Plan a certain additional amount of funds, to pay pension benefits required under that plan, if the \$490 million limitation on certain transfers to the UMWA Combined Benefit Fund and distributions to states and Indian tribes exceeds the aggregate amount required to be transferred to them.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to prescribe a special rule that employer contributions to an employees' trust or annuity benefit plan providing supplemental benefits solely to participants in a pension plan are neither deductible nor nondeductible as such from the employer's gross income. Subjects such contributions, on the other hand, to deduction as an allowable trade or business expense.

Treats a trust holding the assets of such a pension benefit plan as a tax-exempt organization.

Excludes from taxable wages any payments made to, or on behalf of, an employee or his or her beneficiary under such a plan.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 10, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 18, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.