

## HR 139

Protecting Employees and Retirees in Municipal Bankruptcies Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Finance and Financial Sector

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 23, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Protecting Employees and Retirees in Municipal Bankruptcies Act of 2017**

This bill amends federal bankruptcy law to: (1) heighten criteria with respect to a municipality's eligibility for municipal bankruptcy, and (2) revise provisions related to judicial procedure and review in municipality bankruptcy cases.

In addition, the bill expands protections for employees and retirees in cases of municipal bankruptcy. Specifically, if a municipal bankruptcy plan modifies a collective bargaining agreement or retiree benefit, the covered employees' authorized representative must agree to the plan as a condition of the plan's confirmation by the court.

In general, the authorized representative shall be the labor organization that is signatory to the collective bargaining agreement. However, the bill establishes procedures for the court's appointment of a different representative under specified circumstances.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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