

## HR 5816

### Postal Banking Act

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2018
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2755	Related bill	Apr 25, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 3617	Related bill	Jul 28, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

## Postal Banking Act

This bill grants the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) the power to provide basic financial services, including:

- low-cost, small-dollar loans, in specified amounts;
- small checking accounts and interest-bearing savings accounts in specified amounts, alone or in partnership with depository institutions and federal credit unions;
- transactional and remittance services; and
- other basic financial services in the public interest.

It grants the USPS the power to: (1) set interest rates and fees for the financial instruments and products provided by the USPS that meet specified requirements, and (2) allow capitalization of an amount deemed necessary by the USPS to finance the services provided by this bill.

The USPS: (1) shall not be granted a bank charter, become an insured depository institution, or engage in traditional banking activities such as lending; and (2) shall be subject to the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code regarding bank deposits and collections.

## Actions Timeline

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