

The I2D Bill

In The News

On Wednesday, September 21, 2011 Ranking Members Elijah Cummings and Stephen Lynch introduced the Postal Service Innovate To Deliver Act of 2011.

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Ranking Member Cummings Introduces the "Innovate To Deliver Act"

Return to Profitability

- Authorizes the Postal Service to enter into new lines of business, such as facility leasing, and other activities that leverage the Postal Service's unique assets;
- Creates a new Chief Innovation Officer to drive the development of innovative products and services that meet the needs of customers and the Postal Service;
- Enhances accountability regarding the success of these new products and services;
- Requires immediate review of the Postal Service rate cap by the Postal Regulatory Commission;
- Requires the Postal Service Board of Governors to adjust rates so total revenue covers total costs;
- Grants the Postal Service the flexibility to implement variable rates based on delivery volume so prices more accurately reflect delivery costs.

Personnel—Right-Size, Right-Place

- Refunds \$6.9 billion the Postal Service is estimated to have overpaid into FERS;
- Requires the Postal Service to use FERS surplus funds to encourage early retirement and to optimize its workforce and maximize the profitability of new ventures;
- Repeals the current prepayment schedule for Retiree Health Benefits and establishes a more practical and realistic schedule to be amortized over 10 years;
- Preserves protections for Postal Service workers that were negotiated in the 1970s.

Preserve Performance and Improve Service

- Allows the Postal Service to develop new classes of mail products, in addition to first-class, bulk, and standard delivery, so consumers can choose services they prefer;
- Increases efficiency by allowing the Postal Service to seek approval of the Postal Regulatory Commission on an expedited basis;
- Standardizes processes for closing retail facilities and streamlines appeals of such decisions.