

## **Postal Service Reform Act of 2017**

### **Summary of notable changes from H.R. 5714, as reported**

#### **TITLE I – POSTAL SERVICE BENEFITS REFORM**

##### **Postal Service Health Benefits Program**

- Revises the Postal Service Health Benefits Program (PSHBP) so that it will begin in calendar year 2019.
- Technical adjustments made to improve the “deeming” process for retirees that must opt into Medicare Part B.
- Revised language to clarify and ensure PSHBP plans provide prescription drugs to those who are eligible through an Employer Group Waiver Plan.

#### **TITLE II – POSTAL SERVICE OPERATIONS REFORM**

##### **Conversion to Secure, Centralized Delivery**

- Creates an exception to allow a new delivery point to receive door delivery if it is within existing blocks already served by door delivery, but makes such addresses subject to conversion if the address unit it belongs to meets requirements for conversion.
- Revises the start of the conversion requirement for identified business addresses to begin not later than October 1, 2018.

##### **Postal Rates**

- Strikes the provision that would terminate the Postal Service’s judicial appeal regarding the exigent rate increase, as the case is now settled.

##### **Aviation Security**

- Replaces section 210 with a new section requiring report within 18 months from the Inspector General of the Postal Community evaluating the security measures in place for parcels carried through the mail on air carriers and the effectiveness of current audit trails and in-person verification.

#### **TITLE III – POSTAL SERVICE PERSONNEL**

##### **Inspector General of the Postal Community**

- Clarifies text to ensure the new Office of Inspector General of the Postal Community may continue to use compensation programs for its employees authorized under title 39, United States Code.

##### **MSPB Appeal Rights**

- Revises text to ensure appropriate personnel are covered, including individuals working in the Office of Inspector General of the Postal Community.

##### **ZIP Code Designation**

- Adds the communities of Ocoee, Florida and Glendale, New York to the list of communities to receive unique ZIP Codes under section 211.