

Multiemployer Alert

Update on Issues Affecting Taft-Hartley Plans

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COVID-19 relief bill introduced impacting multiemployer plans

On February 24, 2021 Representative John Yarmuth (D-KY) introduced the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) in the House, a COVID-19 relief bill that includes the Butch Lewis Emergency Pension Plan Relief Act of 2021 (Butch Lewis EPPRA). Butch Lewis EPPRA contains provisions impacting multiemployer pension plans, including:

- Creation of a special finance assistance program for financially troubled multiemployer plans,
- Option to temporarily delay a plan's zone status similar to the one provided by the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recover Act of 2008 (WRERA) following the 2008 financial crisis,
- Temporary extensions of funding improvement and rehabilitation periods for plans in endangered or critical status in 2020 or 2021,
- Longer amortization periods for investment and other experience losses related to COVID-19, and
- Additional funding for PBGC's multiemployer program through direct transfers from Treasury and increased PBGC premiums beginning in 2031.

For more information on how the Butch Lewis EPPRA may affect your plan, please contact your Milliman consultant.