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H. R. 3648

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect employees in the building and construction industry who are participants in multiemployer plans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 11, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself, Mr. BOST, Mr. CLAY, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Vested Employee Pen-
5 sion Benefit Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM AGE FOR DISTRIBUTIONS DURING WORK-**
2 **ING RETIREMENT.**

3 (a) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section
4 401(a)(36) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(36) DISTRIBUTIONS DURING WORKING RE-
7 TIREMENT.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A trust forming part
9 of a pension plan shall not be treated as failing
10 to constitute a qualified trust under this section
11 solely because the plan provides that a distribu-
12 tion may be made from such trust to an em-
13 ployee who has attained age 62 and who is not
14 separated from employment at the time of such
15 distribution.

16 “(B) CERTAIN EMPLOYEES IN THE BUILD-
17 ING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In order to allow
19 for unique conditions of employment in the
20 building and construction industry, sub-
21 paragraph (A) shall be applied by sub-
22 stituting ‘age 55’ for ‘age 62’ in the case
23 of a multiemployer plan described in sec-
24 tion 4203(b)(1)(B)(i) of the Employee Re-
25 tirement Income Security Act of 1974,
26 with respect to individuals who were par-

1 participants in such plan on or before April
2 30, 2013, if—

3 “(I) the trust to which subpara-
4 graph (A) applies was in existence be-
5 fore January 1, 1970,

6 “(II) before December 31, 2011,
7 at a time when the plan provided that
8 distributions may be made to an em-
9 ployee who has attained age 55 and
10 who is not separated from employ-
11 ment at the time of such distribution,
12 the plan received at least 1 written
13 determination from the Internal Rev-
14 enue Service that the trust to which
15 subparagraph (A) applies constituted
16 a qualified trust under this section,
17 and

18 “(III) the plan provides that the
19 benefit accrued on account of service
20 performed after distributions begin
21 under subparagraph (A) (as modified
22 by subparagraph (B) without regard
23 to this subclause) shall be treated and
24 paid as a pension separate from the
25 pension earned before such distribu-

1 tions begin, and that payment of such
2 separate benefit shall not commence
3 until the employee attains the plan's
4 normal retirement age.

5 “(ii) SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS IF
6 PLAN IN ENDANGERED OR CRITICAL STA-
7 TUS.—Clause (i) shall not apply to a mul-
8 tiemployer plan during the period for
9 which the multiemployer plan is in endan-
10 gered or critical status (as defined under
11 section 432) beginning after the first year
12 the plan is in either of such statuses and
13 ending with the first plan year for which
14 the plan is not in either of such statuses.”.

15 (b) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT
16 OF 1974.—Section 3(2)(A) of Employee Retirement In-
17 come Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(2)(A)) is
18 amended by inserting before the period at the end the fol-
19 lowing: “(age 55 in the case of a plan to which section
20 401(a)(36)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ap-
21 plies)”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this section shall apply to distributions made before, on,
24 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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