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**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-61**  
**TEXT OF H.R. 8015, DELIVERING FOR AMERICA**  
**ACT**

**[Showing the text of H.R. 8015, as introduced, with  
modifications.]**

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Delivering for America  
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROMPT AND RELIABLE POSTAL SERVICES DURING**  
5 **COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on  
7 the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the last  
8 day of the COVID-19 public health emergency or January  
9 31, 2021, whichever is later, the United States Postal  
10 Service may not implement or approve any change to the  
11 operations or the level of service provided by the Postal  
12 Service from those in effect on January 1, 2020, that  
13 would reduce service performance or impede prompt, reli-  
14 able, and efficient services, including any of the following  
15 actions:

16           (1) Any change in the nature of postal services  
17       which will generally affect service on a nationwide or  
18       substantially nationwide basis.

1           (2) Any revision of service standards.

2           (3) Any closure or consolidation of any post of-  
3           fice or postal facility, or any reduction of such office  
4           or facility hours.

5           (4) Any prohibition or restriction on the use of  
6           overtime or overtime pay to Postal Service officers  
7           or employees.

8           (5) Any change that would prevent the Postal  
9           Service from meeting its service standards or cause  
10          a decline in measurements of performance relative to  
11          those service standards.

12          (6) Any change that would have the effect of  
13          delaying deferring, or curtailing mail, allowing for  
14          the non-delivery of mail to a delivery route, or in-  
15          creasing the volume of undelivered mail.

16          (7) Treating election mail as any class of mail  
17          other than first-class mail, regardless of whether  
18          such treatment requires payment of overtime pay to  
19          officers or employees of the Postal Service.

20          (8) Removing, decommissioning, or any other  
21          stoppage of mail sorting machines, other than for  
22          routine maintenance.

23          (9) Removing or eliminating any mail collection  
24          box that is available to the public.

1           (10) Enacting any rule, policy, or standard the  
2           purpose or effect of which would delay the delivery  
3           of mail to or from a government entity.

4           (11) Instituting any hiring freeze.

5           (b) REVERSAL OF POLICIES HINDERING DELIVERY  
6           OF MAIL.—The United States Postal Service shall reverse  
7           any initiative or action that is causing delay in processing  
8           or delivery or non-delivery of the mail.

9           (c) ELECTION MAIL.—

10           (1) POLICY ON POSTMARKS.—It shall be the  
11           policy of the United States Postal Service to post-  
12           mark, which shall include any imprinted indicia from  
13           the Postal Service that indicates the date of receipt,  
14           all election mail processed by the Postal Service.

15           (2) SAME-DAY PROCESSING.—The United  
16           States Postal Service shall ensure, to the maximum  
17           extent practical, that election mail is processed and  
18           cleared from any postal facility or post office on the  
19           same day it is received at such a facility or post of-  
20           fice.

21           (d) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—A person who is  
22           harmed by a violation of this Act may bring a civil action  
23           against the Postal Service in an appropriate district court  
24           for injunctive and declaratory relief with respect to the  
25           violation.

1 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

2 (1) the term “COVID–19 public health emer-  
3 gency” means the public health emergency declared  
4 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on  
5 January 27, 2020, with respect to the 2019 Novel  
6 Coronavirus;

7 (2) the term “election mail” means mail con-  
8 sisting of—

9 (A) voter registration application forms,  
10 completed voter registration application forms,  
11 and voter registration cards or similar mate-  
12 rials;

13 (B) absentee and other mail-in ballot appli-  
14 cation forms, blank absentee and other mail-in  
15 ballots, and completed absentee and other mail-  
16 in ballots; and

17 (C) other materials relating to an election  
18 which are mailed by a State or local election of-  
19 ficial to individuals who are registered to vote  
20 in the election; and

21 (3) the term “government entity” means the  
22 Federal Government or any State (as that term is  
23 defined in section 311 of title 5, United States  
24 Code) or local government and any subdivision  
25 thereof.

1 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE POSTAL**  
2 **SERVICE.**

3 There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treas-  
4 ury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending  
5 September 30, 2020, for an additional payment to the  
6 Postal Service Fund (established under section 2003 of  
7 title 39, United States Code), \$25,000,000,000, to remain  
8 available until expended. Of the amount appropriated in  
9 the previous sentence, \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to  
10 “United States Postal Service—Office of Inspector Gen-  
11 eral—Salaries and Expenses”.

12 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

13 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or oth-  
14 erwise effect the terms and conditions of section 3406 of  
15 title 39, United States Code (relating to balloting mate-  
16 rials under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee  
17 Voting Act).

18 **SEC. 5. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amounts provided by this Act  
20 are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to  
21 section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010  
22 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

23 (b) DESIGNATION IN THE SENATE.—In the Senate,  
24 this Act is designated as an emergency requirement pursu-  
25 ant to section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Con-

1 gress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal  
2 year 2018.

