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# H. R. 3553

To amend title 11 of the United States Code to increase the amount of compensation paid to chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees for services rendered.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2017

Mr. MARINO (for himself and Mr. PERLMUTTER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Bankruptcy Adminis-  
5 tration Improvement Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the amount of compensation paid to trust-  
9 ees serving in bankruptcy cases under chapter 7 of

1 title 11 of the United States Code has not been in-  
2 creased since 1995, and

3 (2) the amendments made by this Act will not  
4 modify, impair, or supersede the current authority of  
5 the district courts of the United States, or of bank-  
6 ruptcy courts, to waive the payment of filing fees by  
7 indigent individuals.

8 **SEC. 3. COMPENSATION OF TRUSTEES IN CASES UNDER**  
9 **CHAPTER 7.**

10 Title 11 of the United States Code is amended—

11 (1) in section 104—

12 (A) in subsection (a)—

13 (i) by inserting “330(b)(1),  
14 330(b)(2),” after “303(b),”,

15 (ii) in paragraph (1) by striking  
16 “and” at the end,

17 (iii) in paragraph (2)—

18 (I) by inserting “except as pro-  
19 vided in paragraph (3),” after “(2)”,  
20 and

21 (II) by striking the period at the  
22 end and inserting “, and”, and

23 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-  
24 lowing:

1           “(3) with respect to the dollar amounts in effect  
2           under sections 330(b)(1) and 330(b)(2), to round to  
3           the nearest \$1 the dollar amount that represents  
4           such change.”, and

5                   (B) in subsection (b) by inserting  
6           “330(b)(1), 330(b)(2),” after “303(b),”, and  
7           (2) in section 330—

8                   (A) by amending subsection (a)(7) to read  
9           as follows:

10          “(7) In determining the amount of reasonable com-  
11          pensation to be awarded to a trustee under chapter 7, the  
12          court shall treat such compensation as a commission,  
13          based on section 326(a).”, and

14                   (B) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “\$45”  
15           and inserting “\$105”.

16 **SEC. 4. BANKRUPTCY FEES.**

17          Section 1930(1)(A) of title 28 of the United States  
18          Code is amended by striking “\$245” and inserting  
19          “\$305”.

20 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

21          (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
22          section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this  
23          Act shall take effect on the 1st day of the 1st month that  
24          begins more than 180 days after the date of the enactment  
25          of this Act.

1           (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-  
2 ments made by this Act shall apply only with respect to  
3 cases commenced under title 11 of the United States Code  
4 on or after the effective date of this Act.

