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S. 1479

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve control of acid mine drainage, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 1995

Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Acid Mine Drainage
5 Abatement Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACID MINE DRAINAGE.**

7 Section 402(g) of the Surface Mining Control and
8 Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1232(g)) is amend-
9 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (6)—

2 (A) by striking “either” and all that fol-
3 lows through “trust fund” and inserting “a spe-
4 cial trust fund”; and

5 (B) by striking “1995,” and all that fol-
6 lows through the end of the paragraph and in-
7 serting “1995.”; and

8 (2) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(7)(A) Any State may receive and retain, without
11 regard to the 3-year limitation referred to in paragraph
12 (1)(D), amounts up to the greater of \$1,000,000 or 30
13 percent of the total of the grants made annually to the
14 State under this subsection if the amounts are deposited
15 in an acid mine drainage abatement and treatment fund
16 established under State law under which the amounts (to-
17 gether with all interest earned on the amounts) are ex-
18 pended by the State to undertake acid mine drainage
19 abatement and treatment projects.

20 “(B) A project that is funded out of an acid mine
21 drainage abatement and treatment fund under subpara-
22 graph (A) shall provide for the abatement of the causes
23 of the treatment of the effects of acid mine drainage from
24 lands and waters that are eligible under section 404.”.

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