

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2685

To amend the Black Lung Benefits Act, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26, 2002

Mr. ROCKEFELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Black Lung Benefits  
5       Survivors Equity Act of 2002”.

6       **SEC. 2. EQUITY FOR CERTAIN ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS.**

7       (a) **REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION.**—Paragraph (4) of  
8       section 411(c) of the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C.  
9       921(c)(4)) is amended by striking the last sentence.

10       (b) **CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS.**—Section 422(l) of  
11       the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 932(l)) is amend-

1 ed by striking “, except with respect to a claim filed under  
2 this part on or after the effective date of the Black Lung  
3 Benefits Amendments of 1981”.

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