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H. R. 1903

To direct that certain coal mine safety grant funds be directed to study the prevention and treatment of Black Lung Disease.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself and Mr. ENYART) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To direct that certain coal mine safety grant funds be directed to study the prevention and treatment of Black Lung Disease.

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. GRANT FUNDS TO STUDY THE PREVENTION**
4 **AND TREATMENT OF BLACK LUNG DISEASE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall
6 award competitive grants under the Brookwood-Sago Mine
7 Safety Grants established by section 14 of the Mine Im-
8 provement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 to
9 entities eligible to receive grants under such section for

1 research and outreach related to the prevention and treat-
2 ment of Black Lung Disease.

3 (b) FUNDING.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is es-
5 tablished in the Treasury of the United States a sep-
6 arate account for the deposit of penalties described
7 in paragraph (2) to be known as the Mine Safety
8 Grant Fund.

9 (2) DEPOSIT OF CIVIL PENALTIES.—The Sec-
10 retary of Labor shall deposit amounts determined by
11 the Secretary that are collected as penalties under
12 section 110 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health
13 Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 820) into the Mine Safety
14 Grant Fund established by paragraph (1).

15 (3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the
16 Mine Safety Grant Fund shall be available to the
17 Secretary of Labor, as provided in subsection (c), to
18 award grants under the Brookwood-Sago Mine Safe-
19 ty Grants established by section 14 of the Mine Im-
20 provement and New Emergency Response Act of
21 2006. \$10,000,000 of such amounts (or a greater
22 amount as determined by the Secretary based on the
23 availability of funds) shall be used by the Secretary
24 to award grants for the purposes described in sub-
25 section (a).

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
2 tion to funds appropriated under section 114 of the Fed-
3 eral Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 824),
4 there is authorized to be appropriated from the Mine Safe-
5 ty Grant Fund to the Secretary of Labor an amount equal
6 to the total amount deposited into the fund pursuant to
7 subsection (b)(2) during the previous fiscal year. Such
8 amounts are authorized to remain available until ex-
9 pended.

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