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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2013

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. GRANT FUNDS TO STUDY THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF BLACK LUNG DISEASE.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Labor shall award competitive grants under the Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants established by section 14 of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 to entities eligible to receive grants under such section for

research and outreach related to the prevention and treatment of Black Lung Disease.

(b) FUNDING.—

(1) Establishment of Fund.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a separate account for the deposit of penalties described in paragraph (2) to be known as the Mine Safety Grant Fund.

(2) Deposit of Civil Penalties.—The Secretary of Labor shall deposit amounts determined by the Secretary that are collected as penalties under section 110 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 820) into the Mine Safety Grant Fund established by paragraph (1).

(3) Availability of Funds.—Amounts in the Mine Safety Grant Fund shall be available to the Secretary of Labor, as provided in subsection (c), to award grants under the Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants established by section 14 of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006. $10,000,000 of such amounts (or a greater amount as determined by the Secretary based on the availability of funds) shall be used by the Secretary to award grants for the purposes described in subsection (a).
(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—In addition to funds appropriated under section 114 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 824), there is authorized to be appropriated from the Mine Safety Grant Fund to the Secretary of Labor an amount equal to the total amount deposited into the fund pursuant to subsection (b)(2) during the previous fiscal year. Such amounts are authorized to remain available until expended.