H. R. 3162

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia 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. EQUITY FOR CERTAIN ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS.

(a) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION.—Section 411(c)(4) of the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 921(c)(4)) is amended by striking the last sentence.

(b) CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS.—Section 422(l) of the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 932(l)) is amended by striking “, except with respect to a claim filed under
(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to claims filed under part B or part C of the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 921 et seq., 931 et seq.) after January 1, 2005, that were pending on or after March 23, 2010.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of any Act that repeals section 1556 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148).