

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2685

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

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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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”.

