

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1988

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2003

Mr. RAHALL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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purposes.

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 2003”.

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

7       (a) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION.—Paragraph (4) of  
8       section 412(c)(4) of the Black Lung Benefits Act is  
9       amended by striking the last sentence of such paragraph.

10       (b) CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS.—Section 422(l) of  
11       the Black Lung Benefits Act is amended by striking “,

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

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