

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 299

To clarify that certain coal industry health benefits may not be modified
or terminated.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2005

Mr. RAHALL (for himself and Mr. COSTELLO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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not be modified or terminated.

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. PROTECTION OF COAL INDUSTRY HEALTH**
4 **BENEFITS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION OR MODIFICA-
6 TION OF BENEFITS.—Section 9711(g) of the Internal
7 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to rules applicable to this
8 part and part II) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

1 “(3) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION AND MODI-
2 FICATION OF BENEFITS.—Except as provided in
3 subsection (d), the benefits required to be provided
4 by a last signatory operator under this chapter may
5 not be terminated or modified by any court in a pro-
6 ceeding under title 11 of the United States Code or
7 by agreement at any time when such operator is
8 participating in such a proceeding.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2004.

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