

S 2637

Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Stability and Fairness Act

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jun 18, 2002

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 18, 2002)

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Party: Democratic • State: ND • Chamber: Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 18, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 3567	Identical bill	Dec 20, 2001: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## Summary (as of Jun 18, 2002)

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Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Stability and Fairness Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to authorize appropriations to the Combined Fund and the United Mine Workers of America 1992 Benefit Plan to: (1) pay any benefit or administrative costs of unassigned beneficiaries of the Combined Fund; (2) pay any benefit or administrative costs of unassigned beneficiaries of the 1992 UMWA Plan; and (3) eliminate any annual deficit in any premium account of the Combined Fund as certified by the Trustees of the Combined Fund.

Makes other related revisions, including: (1) providing for refunds to certain operators; and (2) reductions in annual health benefit premiums to the Fund in the event of a surplus.

Redefines a coal wage agreement as: (1) the 1988 agreement, meaning the collective bargaining agreement between the settlors which became effective on February 1, 1988; and (2) the coal wage agreement, meaning the 1988 agreement and any predecessor to the 1988 agreement.

## Actions Timeline

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