

HR 297

Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act of 2001

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 15, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act of 2001 - Amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to repeal authorization for the use of moneys in the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund (Fund) earmarked for: (1) the Secretary of Agriculture for rural land reclamation; and (2) studies, research, and demonstration projects by the Department of the Interior.

Designates for transfer to the United Mine Workers of America Combined Benefit Fund the interest earned on unexpended Fund amounts.

Extends the sunset date for the current rate of reclamation fees from 2004 to 2011.

Revises requirements governing: (1) allocation of reclamation fees for certain reclamation purposes; and (2) the transfer of liquidated sums to the United Mine Workers of America Combined Benefit Fund.

Repeals priorities for the expenditure of funds for the general welfare and for: (1) restoration of land and water resources and environment previously degraded by the adverse effects of coal mining practices; (2) protection, repair, construction, or enhancement of utilities, roads, and recreation and conservation facilities adversely affected by such practices; and (3) development for recreation, conservation, reclamation, and open space purposes of publicly owned land also adversely affected by such practices.

Removes the proscription against the filing of reclamation fee liens against certain property owners who owned the surface prior to May 2, 1977.

Authorizes a State or Indian tribe, subject to certain expenditure limitations, to fill voids and seal tunnels resulting from mining operations.

Revises requirements pertaining to: (1) certification of completion of high priority coal reclamation projects; and (2) lands, waters, and public facilities eligible for annual grants (including certain water supply restoration and public facilities).

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 15, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
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