

S 413

Asbestos Claims Criteria and Compensation Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Feb 13, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2493

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2493-2495) (Feb 13, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Nickles, Don [R-OK]

Party: Republican • State: OK • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 11, 2003
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 1, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Feb 13, 2003)

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Asbestos Claims Criteria and Compensation Act of 2003 - Requires as an essential element of an asbestos claim that there be physical impairment to which asbestos exposure was a substantial contributing factor. Sets forth prima facie evidence of that impairment, including as a minimum that the exposed person have: (1) at least a Class 2 permanent respiratory impairment rating; (2) asbestosis or diffuse pleural thickening; and (3) a determination of exposure at or above specified levels concerning ratios of FEV1 to FVS or a chest x-ray showing opacities graded at or above specified levels on the ILO scale.

Requires the use of AMA guidelines or other authoritative standards.

Sets forth requirements concerning claim consolidation (with consent only if not members of the same household), venue, preliminary proceedings, and removal.

Delineates the statute of limitations for claims for nonmalignant conditions.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 13, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2492-2493)
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2493-2495)