

## S 3710

### COVID-19 Mine Worker Protection Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 13, 2020
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 13, 2020
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 13, 2020
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 13, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		May 13, 2020
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 13, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 13, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7700	Related bill	Jul 21, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **COVID-19 Mine Worker Protection Act**

This bill requires the Department of Labor to promulgate health and safety standards to protect coal miners from occupational exposure to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Labor shall promulgate emergency standards within seven days of this bill's enactment. Such emergency standards shall be in force until Labor establishes permanent standards to protect miners from occupational exposure to infectious pathogens, including novel pathogens.

The emergency and permanent standards shall prohibit mine operators from discriminating or retaliating against a miner for (1) reporting a violation of this bill or a good-faith concern about a workplace infectious disease hazard, or (2) voluntarily using personal protective equipment that provides a higher level of protection than the equipment provided by the mine operator if the miner's equipment does not create a hazard.

Labor shall also collect data to track and investigate cases of exposure to COVID-19 among coal miners.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 13, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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