30 U.S. Code § 901 - Congressional findings and declaration of purpose; short title

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Congress finds and declares that there are a significant number of coal [miners](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-103900799-865311882&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) living today who are totally disabled due to [pneumoconiosis](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-1921305851-865311880&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) arising out of employment in one or more of the Nation’s [coal mines;](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-647449916-1748532485&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) that there are a number of survivors of coal [miners](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-103900799-865311882&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) whose deaths were due to this disease; and that few [States](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-80204913-864388360&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) provide benefits for death or disability due to this disease to coal [miners](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-103900799-865311882&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) or their surviving [dependents.](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-1109226753-865311879&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) It is, therefore, the purpose of this subchapter to provide benefits, in cooperation with the [States,](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-80204913-864388360&term_occur=999&term_src=) to coal [miners](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-103900799-865311882&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) who are totally disabled due to [pneumoconiosis](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-1921305851-865311880&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) and to the surviving [dependents](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-1109226753-865311879&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) of [miners](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-103900799-865311882&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) whose death was due to such disease; and to ensure that in the future adequate benefits are provided to coal [miners](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-103900799-865311882&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) and their [dependents](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-1109226753-865311879&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) in the event of their death or [total disability](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-1598234424-1658933053&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901) due to [pneumoconiosis.](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=30-USC-1921305851-865311880&term_occur=999&term_src=title:30:chapter:22:subchapter:IV:part:A:section:901)

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