

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

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(a)

Congress finds and declares that there are a significant number of coal [miners](#) living today who are totally disabled due to [pneumoconiosis](#) arising out of employment in one or more of the Nation's [coal mines](#); that there are a number of survivors of coal [miners](#) whose deaths were due to this disease; and that few [States](#) provide benefits for death or disability due to this disease to coal [miners](#) or their surviving [dependents](#). It is, therefore, the purpose of this subchapter to provide benefits, in cooperation with the [States](#), to coal [miners](#) who are totally disabled due to [pneumoconiosis](#) and to the surviving [dependents](#) of [miners](#) whose death was due to such disease; and to ensure that in the future adequate benefits are provided to coal [miners](#) and their [dependents](#) in the event of their death or [total disability](#) due to [pneumoconiosis](#).

(b)

This subchapter may be cited as the “[Black Lung Benefits Act](#)”.
([Pub. L. 91-173, title IV, § 401](#), Dec. 30, 1969, [83 Stat. 792](#); [Pub. L. 92-303](#), §§ 3(a), 4(b)(2), May 19, 1972, [86 Stat. 153](#), 154; [Pub. L. 95-239, § 16](#), Mar. 1, 1978, [92 Stat. 105](#); [Pub. L. 97-119, title II, § 203\(a\)\(4\)](#), Dec. 29, 1981, [95 Stat. 1644](#).)