

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 323

To amend the Black Lung Benefits Act to provide equity for certain eligible survivors, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2017

Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, and Mr. MCKINLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EQUITY FOR CERTAIN ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS.**

4 (a) LIMITATION.—Section 411(c)(4) of the Black  
5 Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 921(c)(4)) is amended by  
6 striking the last sentence.

7 (b) CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS.—Section 422(l) of  
8 the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 932(l)) is amend-  
9 ed by striking “, except with respect to a claim filed under

1 this part on or after the effective date of the Black Lung  
2 Benefits Amendments of 1981”.

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this  
4 section shall apply with respect to claims filed under part  
5 B or part C of the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C.  
6 921 et seq., 931 et seq.) after January 1, 2005, that were  
7 pending on or after March 23, 2010.

8 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
10 on the date of enactment of any Act that repeals section  
11 1556 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
12 (Public Law 111–148).

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