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H. R. 934

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to include certain retirees in the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2019

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself and Ms. WILSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Health Benefits for
5 Miners Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION IN MULTIEMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT**
2 **PLAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(h)(2)(C) of the Sur-
4 face Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30
5 U.S.C. 1232(h)(2)(C)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “the Health Benefits for Miners
7 Act of 2017” both places it appears in clause (ii)
8 and inserting “the Health Benefits for Miners Act
9 of 2019”;

10 (2) by striking “, would be denied or reduced
11 as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding commenced
12 in 2012 or 2015” in clause (ii)(II) and inserting “or
13 a related coal wage agreement, would be denied or
14 reduced as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding com-
15 menced in 2012, 2015, or 2018”;

16 (3) by striking “January 1, 2017” in clause (ii)
17 and inserting “January 1, 2019”; and

18 (4) by adding at the end the following new
19 clause:

20 “(vi) RELATED COAL WAGE AGREE-
21 MENT.—For purposes of clause (ii), the
22 term ‘related coal wage agreement’ means
23 an agreement between the United Mine
24 Workers of America and an employer in
25 the bituminous coal industry that—

26 “(I) is a signatory operator; or

1 “(II) is or was a debtor in a
2 bankruptcy proceeding that was con-
3 solidated, administratively or other-
4 wise, with the bankruptcy proceeding
5 of a signatory operator or a related
6 person to a signatory operator (as
7 those terms are defined in section
8 9701(e) of the Internal Revenue Code
9 of 1986).”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall apply to fiscal years beginning after Sep-
12 tember 30, 2018.

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