

## CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b)(3)(B), “section 3713(a) of title 31” substituted for “section 3466 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 191)” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

## AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (b)(3)(A), (C), (D), (5)(B). Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954”, which for purposes of codification was translated as “title 26” thus requiring no change in text.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-119, §104(b)(6), substituted provision defining “fund” as used in this section for provision specifying payments, repayments, and reimbursements which funds from the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund would be available to pay.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 97-119, §104(a)(2), inserted “plus interest thereon” after “attributed to him”.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 97-119, §104(a)(1), added par. (5). 1980—Subsec. (b)(3)(A)(i). Pub. L. 96-222 substituted “Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977” for “Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969”.

1978—Pub. L. 95-227 added subsec. (a), redesignated existing provisions constituting entire section as subsec. (b) and expanded applicability and set out procedures for enforcement of rights of United States against operators liable to the Fund.

1972—Pub. L. 92-303 substituted “widow, child, parent, brother, or sister” for “widow” wherever appearing.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Section 104(a)(3) of Pub. L. 97-119 provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1982, and shall apply to amounts outstanding on such date or arising thereafter.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-222 effective as if included in the provisions of Pub. L. 95-227, which amended this section effective Apr. 1, 1978, see section 108(b)(4) of Pub. L. 96-222, set out as a note under section 192 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Section 3(e) of Pub. L. 95-227 provided that: “This section [enacting section 934a of this title and amending this section] shall take effect on April 1, 1978.”

**§ 934a. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-119, title I, § 103(b), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1638**

Section, Pub. L. 95-227, §3(a)-(c), Feb. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 12; Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §509(b), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695; Pub. L. 96-222, title I, §108(b)(2)(A), (3)(A), Apr. 1, 1980, 94 Stat. 226, established a Black Lung Disability Trust Fund, designated trustees for the fund, and provided for operation of the fund. See section 9501 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Jan. 1, 1982, see section 103(d)(1) of Pub. L. 97-119, set out as an Effective Date note under section 9501 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO PAYMENT OF BENEFITS TO MINERS AND ELIGIBLE SURVIVORS OF MINERS TO TAKE EFFECT AS RULES AND REGULATIONS OF SECRETARY OF LABOR

Pub. L. 95-239, §20(b), Mar. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 106, provided that in the event that the payment of benefits to miners and to eligible survivors of miners cannot be made from the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund established by section 3(a) of the Black Lung Benefits Revenue Act of 1977 [former subsec. (a) of this section], the provisions of the Act relating to the payment of

benefits to miners and to eligible survivors of miners, as in effect immediately before the date of the enactment of this Act [Mar. 1, 1978], shall take effect, as rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor until such provisions are revoked, amended, or revised by law, and that the Secretary of Labor may promulgate additional rules and regulations to carry out such provisions and shall make benefit payments to miners and to eligible survivors of miners in accordance with such provisions.

**§ 935. Utilization of services of State and local agencies**

With the consent and cooperation of State agencies charged with administration of State workmen's compensation laws, the Secretary may, for the purpose of carrying out his functions and duties under section 932 of this title, utilize the services of State and local agencies and their employees and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may advance funds to or reimburse such State and local agencies and their employees for services rendered for such purposes.

(Pub. L. 91-173, title IV, §425, Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 798.)

**§ 936. Regulations and reports****(a) Promulgation; applicability of section 553 of title 5**

The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services are authorized to issue such regulations as each deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of this subchapter. Such regulations shall be issued in conformity with section 553 of title 5, notwithstanding subsection (a) thereof.

**(b) Annual reports to Congress**

At the end of fiscal year 2003 and each succeeding fiscal year, the Secretary of Labor shall submit to the Congress an annual report on the subject matter of this part and part B of this subchapter. Each such report shall be prepared and submitted to Congress in accordance with the requirement with respect to submission under section 942 of title 33.

**(c) Compliance with State workmen's compensation laws; conflicts between State and Federal provisions**

Nothing in this subchapter shall relieve any operator of the duty to comply with any State workmen's compensation law, except insofar as such State law is in conflict with the provisions of this subchapter and the Secretary by regulation, so prescribes. The provisions of any State workmen's compensation law which provide greater benefits than the benefits payable under this subchapter shall not thereby be construed or held to be in conflict with the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 91-173, title IV, §426, Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 798; Pub. L. 92-303, §5(3), May 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 155; Pub. L. 103-296, title I, §108(i)(3), Aug. 15, 1994, 108 Stat. 1488; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1102(b)(2), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 723; Pub. L. 107-275, §2(b)(4), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1926.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 942 of title 33, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “section 42 of the Longshore Harbor

Worker's Compensation Act" and was translated as reading "section 42 of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act" to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-275, §2(b)(4)(A), struck out "the Commissioner of Social Security," after "The Secretary of Labor".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-275, §2(b)(4)(B), amended first sentence generally. Prior to amendment, first sentence read as follows: "At the end of each fiscal year, the Commissioner of Social Security shall submit to the Congress an annual report upon the subject matter of part B of this subchapter, and, after January 1, 1974, the Secretary of Labor shall also submit such a report upon the subject matter of this part."

1995—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-66 substituted "At the end of each fiscal year, the" for "Within 120 days following the convening of each session of Congress the" and inserted at end "Each such report shall be prepared and submitted to Congress in accordance with the requirement with respect to submission under section 942 of title 33."

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-296, §108(i)(3)(A), substituted "the Commissioner of Social Security, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services" for "and the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-296, §108(i)(3)(B), substituted "Commissioner of Social Security" for "Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare".

1972—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-303 substituted "January 1, 1974" for "January 1, 1973".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-275 effective 90 days after Nov. 2, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-275, set out as a note under section 902 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-296 effective Mar. 31, 1995, see section 110(a) of Pub. L. 103-296, set out as a note under section 401 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

### § 937. Contracts and grants

#### (a) Construction, purchase, and operation of fixed-site and mobile clinical facilities

The Secretary of Health and Human Services is authorized to enter into contracts with, and make grants to, public and private agencies and organizations and individuals for the construction, purchase, and operation of fixed-site and mobile clinical facilities for the analysis, examination, and treatment of respiratory and pulmonary impairments in active and inactive coal miners. The Secretary shall coordinate the making of such contracts and grants with the Appalachian Regional Commission.

#### (b) Research activities

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall initiate research within the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and is authorized to make research grants to public and private agencies and organizations and individuals for the purpose of devising simple and effective tests to measure, detect, and treat respiratory and pulmonary impairments in active and inactive coal miners. Any grant made pursuant to this subsection shall be conditioned upon all information, uses, products, processes, patents, and other developments resulting from such research being available to the general public, except to the extent of such exceptions

and limitations as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may deem necessary in the public interest.

#### (c) Authorization of appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of subsection (a) of this section \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of subsection (b) of this section such sums as are necessary.

(Pub. L. 91-173, title IV, §427, as added Pub. L. 92-303, §5(6), May 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 155; amended Pub. L. 95-239, §9, Mar. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 100; Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §509(b), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-239 substituted "\$10,000,000 for each fiscal year" for "\$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1973, June 30, 1974, and June 30, 1975".

#### CHANGE OF NAME

"Secretary of Health and Human Services" substituted for "Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare" in subses. (a) and (b) pursuant to section 509(b) of Pub. L. 96-88 which is classified to section 3508(b) of Title 20, Education.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-239 effective Mar. 1, 1978, see section 20(a) of Pub. L. 95-239, set out as a note under section 901 of this title.

### § 938. Miners suffering from pneumoconiosis; discrimination prohibited

#### (a) Mine operators

No operator shall discharge or in any other way discriminate against any miner employed by him by reason of the fact that such miner is suffering from pneumoconiosis. No person shall cause or attempt to cause an operator to violate this section. For the purposes of this subsection the term "miner" shall not include any person who has been found to be totally disabled.

#### (b) Determination by Secretary; procedure

Any miner who believes that he has been discharged or otherwise discriminated against by any person in violation of subsection (a) of this section, or any representative of such miner may, within ninety days after such violation occurs, apply to the Secretary for a review of such alleged discharge or discrimination. A copy of the application shall be sent to such person who shall be the respondent. Upon receipt of such application, the Secretary shall cause such investigation to be made as he deems appropriate. Such investigation shall provide an opportunity for a public hearing at the request of any party to enable the parties to present information relating to such violation. The parties shall be given written notice of the time and place of the hearing at least five days prior to the hearing. Any such hearing shall be of record and shall be subject to section 554 of title 5. Each administrative law judge presiding under this section and under the provisions of subchapters I, II and III of this chapter shall receive compensation at a rate determined under section 5372 of title 5. Upon receiving the report of such investigation,