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OFFERED BY MR. PERLMUTTER OF COLORADO

Page 169, line 19, strike “2023” and insert “2022”.

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XXXI the following new section:

SEC. 31. IMPROVEMENTS TO ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT OF 2000.

(a) OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN.—Section 3686 of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7385s–15) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

“(2) To provide guidance and assistance to claimants.”; and

(2) in subsection (h), by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”.

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

“(2) To provide guidance and assistance to claimants.”; and

(2) in subsection (h), by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”.

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

“(2) To provide guidance and assistance to claimants.”; and

(2) in subsection (h), by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”.
(b) ADVISORY BOARD ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND
WORKER HEALTH.—Section 3687 of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7385s–16) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding after subparagraph (D) the following:

“(E) the claims adjudication process generally, including review of procedure manual changes prior to incorporation into the manual and claims for medical benefits; and

“(F) such other matters as the Secretary considers appropriate; and”;

(2) in subsection (g)—

(A) by striking “The Secretary of Energy shall” and inserting “The Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Labor shall each”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “The Secretary of Labor shall make available to the Board the program’s medical director, toxicologist, industrial hygienist and
program’s support contractors as requested by the Board.”;

(3) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after subsection (g) the following:

“(h) RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 60 days after submission to the Secretary of Labor of the Board’s recommendations, the Secretary shall respond to the Board in writing, and post on the public Internet website of the Department of Labor, a response to the recommendations that—

“(1) includes a statement of whether the Secretary accepts or rejects the Board’s recommendations;

“(2) if the Secretary accepts the board’s recommendations, describes the timeline for when those recommendations will be implemented; and

“(3) if the Secretary does not accept the recommendations, describes the reasons the Secretary does not agree and provide all scientific research to the Board supporting that decision.”.