

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0224

State miners' hospital-eligibility.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Miller and Baker and
Senator(s) Bebout, Cooper and Hastert

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the state miners' hospital; limiting
2 eligibility for services through the state miners'
3 hospital; providing for rulemaking; amending definitions;
4 and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 30-6-102(b)(i), (e)(i) and (ii) is
9 amended to read:

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11 **30-6-102. Account created; expenditures; report.**

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13 (b) The board shall:

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15 (i) Serve disabled or incapacitated miners in
16 this state with ~~emphasis on~~ pulmonary/respiratory, hearing

1 loss, cardiac and musculoskeletal and other conditions, ~~of~~
2 ~~miners~~ as defined by rule and regulation of the board, due
3 to labor in the mining industry for expenses which are not
4 otherwise covered by public or private insurance or other
5 public health care program;

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7 (e) As used in this section:

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9 (i) "~~Coal or other~~ Mine" means an area of land
10 from which minerals are extracted and processed in
11 nonliquid form or, if in liquid form, through an in situ
12 leach process;

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14 (ii) "Miner" means a resident of Wyoming who has
15 worked in a mine in this state or a contiguous state who is
16 or was employed full-time in a mining capacity at a ~~coal or~~
17 ~~other~~ mine or at a processing or conversion facility
18 contiguous to the mine and dependent upon the output of
19 that mine as feedstock. ~~"Miner" shall include the operator~~
20 ~~of the mine or plant if the operator works on a continuing~~
21 ~~or irregular basis~~, and the mine is:

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1 (A) Under the jurisdiction of the state
2 mine inspector or the mines safety health administration;
3 or

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5 (B) An in situ leach process mine.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
10 Constitution.

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