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## AML Reauthorization Section-by-Section Summary

The Abandoned Mine Land Reauthorization Act would extend for 15 years the collection and disbursement of fees from mining operations to clean up polluted and dangerous sites and spur economic development in depressed former coal communities.

### **Section 1: Short Title**

- “Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2021”

### **Section 2: Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund**

- Extends the disbursement of money from the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Fund for 15 additional years, through 2038.

### **Section 3: Emergency Powers**

- Provides for delegation of emergency AML reclamation program to the states and tribes, provided the state or tribe government has submitted, and the secretary has approved, an Abandoned Mine Land Emergency Program as part of their reclamation plan.

### **Section 4: Reclamation Fee**

- Extends the collection of reclamation fees from coal mining operators for 15 additional years, through September 30, 2036.
- Raises the minimum amount granted to each state or tribe from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 for non-certified states and allows those funds to be used for acid mine drainage abatement.
- Reimburses states for reclamation fees that were sequestered since FY13.

### **Section 5: Exempt Programs and Activities**

- Exempts AML Reclamation Fund payments from emergency deficit reduction orders under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)).