

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2475

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide an exception for certain States with respect to the distribution of amounts by the Secretary of the Interior from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. GENERAL LIMITATION ON OBLIGATION AU-**
4 **THORITY.**

5 Section 401(f)(5) of the Surface Mining Control and
6 Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1231(f)(5)) is
7 amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
2 ceding clause (i), by striking “Notwithstanding para-
3 graph” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (C)
4 and notwithstanding paragraph”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) MINIMUM PROGRAM STATES.—Sub-
7 paragraph (B) shall not apply to any State de-
8 scribed in section 402(g)(8)(A).”.

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