

reason of the amendment made by the first section of this Act and by reason of subsection (a) of this section, of the right to receive such annuity, shall be paid until any sum refunded under section 3 of the Act of September 1, 1954, as in effect prior to the date of enactment of such amendment, is deposited or is collected by offset against the annuity.

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AN ACT

September 26, 1961
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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study covering the causes and prevention of injuries, health hazards, and other health and safety conditions in metal and nonmetallic mines (excluding coal and lignite mines).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to make or cause to be made a study covering—

Metal and non-
metallic mines.
Study.

- (1) the causes of injuries and health hazards in metal and non-metallic mines (excluding coal and lignite mines);
- (2) the relative effectiveness of voluntary versus mandatory reporting of accident statistics;
- (3) the relative contribution to safety of inspection programs embodying—
 - (A) right-of-entry only and
 - (B) right-of-entry plus enforcement authority;
- (4) the effectiveness of health and safety education and training;
- (5) the magnitude of effort and costs of each of these possible phases of an effective safety program for metal and nonmetallic mines (excluding coal and lignite mines); and
- (6) the scope and adequacy of State mine-safety laws applicable to such mines and the enforcement of such laws.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Interior or any duly authorized representative shall be entitled to admission to, and to require reports from the operator of, any metal or nonmetallic mine which is in a State (excluding any coal or lignite mine), the products of which regularly enter commerce or the operations of which substantially affect commerce, for the purpose of gathering data and information necessary for the study authorized in the first section of this Act.

(b) As used in this section—

- (1) the term "State" includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and any possession of the United States; and
- (2) the term "commerce" means commerce between any State and any place outside thereof, or between points within the same State but through any place outside thereof.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior shall submit a report of his findings, together with recommendations for an effective safety program for metal and nonmetallic mines (excluding coal and lignite mines) based upon such findings, to the Congress not more than two years after the date of enactment of this Act.

Report to Con-
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