



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 3, 1997

S. 1198

An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers

As passed by the Congress on October 1, 1997

S. 1198 would make it easier for certain religious workers to gain permanent entry into the United States and would waive nonimmigrant visa fees for individuals temporarily entering the United States for certain charitable purposes. Enacting this act would affect fees collected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (which are classified as offsets to direct spending) and fees collected by the Department of State (which are classified as governmental receipts). However, since the act's provisions affect a small number of individuals, the estimated pay-as-you-go impact consists of changes in direct spending and receipts of less than \$500,000 annually.

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