



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

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**H.R. 4613
National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000**

As cleared by the Congress on October 5, 2000

H.R. 4613 would amend the National Historic Preservation Act to establish a preservation program for historic lighthouses. The General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of the Interior would be responsible for administering the program, which would collect and disseminate information on historic lighthouses and convey, at no cost, historic lighthouses that are no longer needed. Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations, would be eligible to receive the lighthouses reported as excess property, provided that they agree to operate and maintain them, as well as make them accessible to the public for educational, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes, and to the federal government for use in aiding navigation.

Subject to certain conditions, H.R. 4613 would direct GSA to sell any lighthouse for which a qualified applicant has not been found. Net proceeds from the sale would be made available either to the National Maritime Heritage Grant Program or to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and could be spent without further appropriation. Because we think it is unlikely the government would sell a lighthouse under H.R. 4613 (according to GSA and the USCG, the government has sold only one in the last 10 years), as opposed to transferring it at no cost, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not have any significant impact on direct spending.

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