



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 253

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2003

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 6, 2003

S. 253 would exempt certain current and retired law enforcement officers from most state and local laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would result in no costs to the federal government. Enacting S. 253 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 253 would impose an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) because it would preempt certain state and local laws that prohibit carrying concealed weapons. CBO estimates that complying with the mandate would result in no direct costs to state and local governments, and thus would not exceed the threshold established by UMRA (\$59 million in 2003, adjusted annually for inflation). S. 253 contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Mark Grabowicz (for federal costs), and Greg Waring (for the impact on state and local governments). This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.