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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1184

A bill to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on November 4, 2005

S. 1184 would waive passport fees for the widow, widower, child, parent, grandparent, brother, or sister of a deceased member of the Armed Forces traveling abroad to visit the servicemember's grave or to attend the funeral or memorial service for the deceased servicemember. Under current law, waivers are only granted to certain relatives if they plan to visit the servicemember's grave, and widowers and grandparents are not eligible for such waivers.

Information from the Department of State indicates that in 2005 about 20 such applicants had passport fees waived. Under current law, passport fees range from \$67 to \$97, and such fees are recorded as revenues. The department does not expect that implementing this bill would significantly increase the number of applicants eligible for fee waivers. Thus, CBO estimates that enactment of this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S. 1184 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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