



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 137

Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on February 7, 2007

H.R. 137 would make buying, selling, or transporting animals for participation in animal fighting ventures (defined as any event which involves a fight between at least two animals and is conducted for purposes of sport, wagering, or entertainment) a federal crime. The bill also would prohibit any person from using certain forms of communication in interstate commerce to promote an animal fighting venture. Because those prosecuted and convicted under this legislation could be subject to criminal fines, the government might collect additional fines if the bill is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as revenues, which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. However, because of the small number of cases likely to be involved, CBO expects that any impact on revenues and direct spending would be insignificant.

In addition, CBO expects that any increase in federal costs for law enforcement, court proceedings, or prison operations also would be insignificant and subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

H.R. 137 contain no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. H.R. 137 would impose private-sector mandates, as defined in UMRA, but CBO expects the cost of complying with those mandates would be small and well below the annual threshold for private-sector mandates (\$131 million in 2007, adjusted annually for inflation).

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