



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 2790

**A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the
position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within
the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs
for Health**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
on April 30, 2008*

H.R. 2790 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health. As required under current law, VA has an Advisor on Physician Assistants who reports to the Under Secretary. VA indicated that the current advisor works part time. CBO expects that to meet the bill's requirements, VA would make the position full time and require small additional appropriations for salaries, expenses, and travel. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2009-2013 period, assuming availability of the estimated amounts. Enacting the bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2790 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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