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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5060

A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as nonimmigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in five-year increments

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 2, 2008

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5060 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. The bill would affect direct spending, but we estimate that any effects would be insignificant. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues. H.R. 5060 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.

Under current law, certain foreign professional athletes may be admitted as nonimmigrants for an initial period of up to five years, plus one additional period of five years. H.R. 5060 would permit those athletes to apply for admission as nonimmigrants in five-year increments beyond the maximum length of stay authorized by current law.

Based on the number of athletes admitted in recent years and the relatively short careers of these individuals, CBO expects that the bill's provisions would affect fewer than 1,000 persons annually. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would collect a fee of \$320 to process applications filed by these individuals. These fees are classified as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). The department is authorized to spend such fees without further appropriation, so the net impact on DHS spending would be insignificant for each year.

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