



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 674

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 16, 2008

The authorization for the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, which provides recommendations to the Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the provision of benefits and services to minority veterans, will expire on December 31, 2009. H.R. 674 would repeal the provision of law that requires termination of the committee, thereby extending the committee's authorization indefinitely.

Based on information from the Federal Advisory Committees Database—maintained by the General Services Administration—the costs associated with staffing, travel, and administration of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans were about \$250,000 in 2007. Assuming a similar cost in future years, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 674 would result in discretionary outlays of about \$1 million over the 2010-2013 period, assuming availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 674 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 674 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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