



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2237
Protecting Intellectual Rights Against
Theft and Expropriation Act of 2004**

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on April 29, 2004

S. 2237 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a training program regarding the civil enforcement of copyright laws. CBO estimates that implementing the training program would cost \$2 million in fiscal year 2005, subject to the appropriation of the specified amount.

S. 2237 also would allow DOJ to bring a civil action in District Court against those who violate copyright laws and would allow the federal government to collect civil penalties for such violations. Collections of civil penalties are recorded in the budget as revenues. Therefore, enacting the bill could increase revenues. CBO expects, however, that any additional revenues as a result of enacting this bill would not be significant because of the relatively small number of cases and nominal penalties that are likely to be involved.

S. 2237 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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