



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 19, 2010

S. 1132 **Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvements Act of 2010**

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 11, 2010

Current federal law exempts certain active and retired law enforcement officers from most state and local laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms. S. 1132 would clarify that officers of the Amtrak Police Department, the Federal Reserve, and the executive branch of the federal government would qualify as individuals who may carry concealed firearms. The bill also would change the requirements that retired officers must meet to carry concealed firearms.

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would result in no significant costs to the federal government. Enacting S. 1132 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1132 contains an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) because it would expand an existing mandate that preempts state or local laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons. CBO estimates that the costs, if any, for state, local, or tribal governments to comply would be insignificant and well below the annual threshold established in UMRA (\$70 million in 2010, adjusted annually for inflation).

S. 1132 contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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