



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

March 28, 2008

**H.R. 4933
Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 12, 2008

H.R. 4933 would make technical amendments to the Lacey Act, which governs the protection of certain wildlife species. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not have a significant impact on the budgets of the agencies that enforce that act, primarily the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Because the proposed technical amendments would make it easier to enforce the Lacey Act, enacting the bill could result in higher revenues from civil and criminal penalties. CBO estimates that any additional revenues would total less than \$500,000 a year. Some of those revenues might be available for expenditure without further appropriation; such spending would offset a portion of the additional revenues.

H.R. 4933 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.