



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3681  
Veterans Benefits Awareness Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
on April 30, 2008*

H.R. 3681 would clarify that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has the authority to advertise in the national media for the purposes of promoting awareness of VA programs to prevent suicide and provide other benefits.

VA reports that it currently has authority to advertise in the national media but uses it rarely. Therefore, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3681 would have no effect on the federal budget.

H.R. 3681 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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