



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 3633**  
**Controlled Substances Trafficking Prohibition Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 20, 1998*

H.R. 3633 would tighten the current restrictions on individuals bringing certain controlled substances, mainly those for personal medical use, into the United States through a land border with Mexico. The bill would continue to permit individuals to bring certain drugs across the border, but generally only in amounts of less than 50 dosage units. Based on information from the U.S. Customs Service, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3633 would result in no significant costs to the federal government because it would not significantly affect the workload of the Customs Service. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3633 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would allow states to impose additional requirements on individuals who bring controlled substances from Mexico without a prescription or similar documentation.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Mark Grabowicz (for federal costs), and Leo Lex (for the state and local impact). This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.