



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 26, 1999

### **H.R. 2031** **Twenty-First Amendment Enforcement Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 20, 1999*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2031 would cost less than \$500,000 annually, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Because enactment of the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2031 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.

H.R. 2031 would permit a state to bring a civil action in U.S. district court to obtain an injunction against an entity that has violated a state law relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor. Implementing this bill would increase costs to federal courts to the extent that states would seek federal jurisdiction in such cases. CBO estimates that any increase in federal costs for court proceedings would be less than \$500,000 a year because of the relatively small number of cases expected and the short period of time required to adjudicate most cases. Any such additional costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

State tax revenues could increase if civil actions under the bill result in a shift to more legal sales of alcohol, which would be taxable. CBO has no basis for reliably estimating the magnitude of any such increases.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Mark Grabowicz (for federal costs), and Lisa Cash Driskill. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.