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Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance, and Protection Act

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The Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance, and Protection Act (Public Law 106-551) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide lifetime care for "permanently retired" chimpanzees, defined as chimpanzees that are no longer needed in research or captive breeding programs conducted or supported by federal agencies.

The act authorizes the construction of a long-term care sanctuary through a contract between HHS and a private, nonprofit entity. The sanctuary will accept both chimpanzees currently owned or supported by the federal government and chimpanzees from other sources if facilities permit. In the latter case, the Secretary may determine and impose an entrance fee for acceptance of the animal. If the Secretary chooses to impose this fee, the monies received will be considered offsetting receipts, which are subject to pay-as-you-go procedures. CBO estimates, however, that those receipts will be negligible over the 2001-2010 period.

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