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PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1482  
National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000**

*As cleared by the Congress on October 24, 2000*

S. 1482 would amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, which authorizes and governs the National Marine Sanctuaries System administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Several provisions of the act could affect governmental receipts or offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). These provisions include:

- Section 8, which would impose criminal penalties on persons who interfere with investigations by authorized officers into violations of laws that protect marine sanctuaries;
- Section 11, which could result in lower receipts by allowing NOAA to accept in-kind contributions in lieu of certain fees at marine sanctuaries; and
- Section 12, which would allow NOAA to accept and use grants provided by state, local, or regional government agencies.

Because all of the changes in such receipts would be offset by equal changes in direct spending, none of these provisions would have any net effect on the federal budget. Moreover, such changes would be negligible.

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