



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

November 9, 2001

**H.R. 2546
Real Interstate Driver Equity Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on November 7, 2001*

H.R. 2546 would prohibit states from requiring limousine or shuttle operators to obtain a license or pay a fee in order to provide interstate service. CBO estimates that H.R. 2546 would not have a significant effect on the federal budget because the bill would not expand the regulatory or enforcement authorities of federal agencies. This bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

Prohibiting state and local governments from requiring certain licenses and fees would be an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). CBO estimates that the cost of this mandate, primarily lost revenues from fees and penalties, would be well below the threshold established in UMRA (\$56 million in 2001, adjusted annually for inflation). This bill contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Rachel Milberg (for federal costs), and Susan Sieg Tompkins (for the state and local costs). This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.