



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

September 21, 2001

**H.R. 2882**

**An act to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001**

*As cleared by the Congress and signed by the President on September 18, 2001*

Under current law, public safety officers who have been permanently disabled as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty are eligible for a payment of \$152,000, subject to the availability of appropriations. H.R. 2882, enacted as Public Law 107-37, will expedite the payment process and will make such payments mandatory for public safety officers who were permanently disabled during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Depending on the extent of the injuries suffered, it could take weeks or even months to determine if a public safety officer is permanently disabled as a result of the recent terrorist attacks. Based on available information, however, CBO expects that the number of persons affected by H.R. 2882 will not exceed 50 and that it is more likely to total 30 to 35. We estimate that the legislation will increase direct spending for mandatory disability payments by about \$5 million in fiscal year 2002.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.