



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 27, 2001

H.R. 3275

A bill to implement the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings to strengthen criminal laws relating to attacks on places of public use, to implement the International Convention of the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, to combat terrorism and defend the nation against terrorist acts, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on November 15, 2001

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3275 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill could affect direct spending and receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; however, CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant.

H.R. 3275 would implement two international treaties: the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. The bill would establish a sentence of life in prison or death for those who are convicted of participating in bombings in public places, government facilities, public transportation systems or infrastructure facilities. In addition, the bill would establish minimum prison sentences and criminal fines for those who provide or collect funds with the intent that such funds be used to carry out terrorism.

CBO expects that any increase in federal costs for law enforcement, court proceedings, or prison operations under the bill would not be significant because such cases would likely be pursued under current law. In addition, CBO expects that any changes in direct spending or receipts would be insignificant because of the small number of cases that are likely to be involved.

Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from application of that act legislative provisions that would be necessary for the ratification or implementation of international treaty obligations. CBO has determined that the provisions of H.R. 3275 would implement the two treaties mentioned above, and thus, would fall within that exclusion.

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