



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3504

An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to
qualified organ procurement organizations

As passed by the House on December 20, 2001

H.R. 3504 would amend the Public Health Service Act to clarify current law with regard to organ procurement organizations (OPOs). These OPOs are certified by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and form a network for the management and distribution of organs throughout the United States. The act would correct technical errors in current law, and would clarify that OPOs would not have to be recertified by HRSA more than once every four years. Further, it would not require recertification until July 30, 2004.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3504 would have no effect on the federal budget. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The act contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates, as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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