



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 24, 2002

H.R. 4679 **Lifetime Consequences for Sex Offenders Act of 2002**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 19, 2002

H.R. 4679 would amend the federal criminal code to provide that the maximum term of supervised release for sex offenders would be for life. Supervised release is a period of court-ordered monitoring following release from incarceration. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4679 would have a negligible effect on the federal budget over the 2003-2007 period.

Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no direct costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Based on information from the U.S. Sentencing Commission and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts on the number of sex offenders and the costs of supervised release, CBO expects that most of the convicted sex offenders who would receive longer supervised release sentences as a result of implementing the bill would be those who also receive prison sentences longer than five years. Therefore, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4679 would have a negligible effect on the cost of supervised release over the next five years. The cost of providing supervised release could increase after several years if sex offenders are sentenced to longer periods of supervised release.

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