



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4264

Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 30, 2004

H.R. 4264 would make buying, selling, or transporting animals for participation in animal fighting ventures (defined as any event which involves a fight between at least two animals and is conducted for purposes of sport, wagering, or entertainment) a felony crime. Because those prosecuted and convicted under this legislation could be subject to criminal fines, the government might collect additional fines if the bill is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as revenues, which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. However, because of the small number of cases likely to be involved, CBO expects that any impact on revenues and direct spending would be insignificant.

In addition, CBO expects that any increase in federal costs for law enforcement, court proceedings, or prison operations also would be insignificant and subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

H.R. 4262 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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