



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 657  
Emergency Securities Response Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Financial Services  
on February 13, 2003*

H.R. 657 would lengthen the maximum amount of time from 10 days to 90 days during which the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) can exercise special authority over securities markets in the event of an emergency. During this period, the SEC can impose any restrictions on market activity that are necessary to maintain or restore the normal functioning of the securities markets. The bill also would expand the definition of an emergency to include major nonmarket disturbances that disrupt the functioning of securities markets.

Based on information from the SEC, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 657 would have no significant budgetary effect. The bill would not affect receipts or direct spending.

H.R. 657 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.

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