



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3675
American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
on September 27, 2006*

H.R. 3675 would authorize the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to seek higher civil monetary penalties for unfair or deceptive acts that exploit popular reaction to a national emergency or disaster, or an international disaster. The higher penalties would apply to violations that occur within a year after the President declares a national disaster or emergency.

Based on information from the FTC, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3675 would increase the agency's enforcement costs by an insignificant amount. Enacting the legislation would increase federal revenues from greater civil monetary penalties for certain violations of laws preventing unfair and deceptive acts. CBO estimates that the legislation would have an insignificant effect on federal revenues.

H.R. 3675 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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