



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 27, 2006

### **H.R. 5811** **MARPOL Annex VI Implementation Act of 2006**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
on July 19, 2006*

H.R. 5811 would implement the Protocol of 1997 to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL). Based on information provided by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5811 would cost EPA \$2 million over the next three years. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

Under H.R. 5811, EPA and the USCG would establish regulations to implement MARPOL Annex VI, which addresses air pollution from ships. The USCG would enforce those regulations. Based on information provided by EPA, CBO estimates that developing the necessary regulations would cost the agency about \$2 million over the next three years. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant effect on the Coast Guard's operating budget because the agency already has enforcement responsibilities under MARPOL that would probably not change significantly.

CBO has not reviewed H.R. 5811 for the presence of intergovernmental or private-sector mandates. Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that are necessary for the ratification or implementation of international treaty obligations. CBO has determined that H.R. 5811 falls within that exclusion because it would implement Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention.

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