



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 5863**

**A bill to authorize temporary emergency extensions to certain exemptions to the requirements with respect to polychlorinated biphenyls under the Toxic Substances Control Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
on July 26, 2006*

Under the Toxic Substances Control Act, no person may import polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) into the United States for disposal, treatment, or storage if those PCBs or the equipment containing those PCBs were created in a foreign country. Under certain circumstances, however, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is allowed to grant exemptions from this law for up to one year. Enacting H.R. 5863 would allow EPA to extend previously granted exemptions for an additional 30 days in emergency situations. This authority to extend waivers would end on September 30, 2012.

Based on information from EPA, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5863 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 5863 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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