



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 814

Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act

As passed by the House of Representatives on October 9, 2007

H.R. 814 would require the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to issue regulations requiring manufacturers of portable gasoline containers to comply with certain safety standards. Effective six months after enactment, all portable gasoline containers manufactured or sold in the United States would be required to meet child-resistance standards specified by ASTM International, a private standards organization. In addition, within two years the CPSC would be required to report to the Congress on compliance rates and the effectiveness of the new safety requirements.

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1 million, assuming appropriation of amounts necessary to issue the required report. Enacting H.R. 814 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 814 contains private-sector mandates, as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), on companies that manufacture gasoline containers intended for use by consumers and the organization responsible for issuing the industry standard for those containers. Based on information from the CPSC and industry representatives, CBO expects that the direct cost to comply with the mandates in the bill would fall below the annual threshold established by UMRA for private-sector mandates (\$131 million in 2007, adjusted annually for inflation).

H.R. 814 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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