



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3376  
United States Mariner and Vessel Protection Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
on July 30, 2009*

H.R. 3376 would provide that owners, operators, or crew who use (or authorize) force to defend a U.S. flag vessel against piracy shall not be liable for any resulting injury or death to anyone participating in that piracy. The bill would direct the U.S. Coast Guard to work with the International Maritime Organization to promote coordinated actions against piracy.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3376 would have no impact on the federal budget. The United States already works with other nations to address piracy and related security issues that affect commercial shipping. Based on information provided by the Coast Guard, we estimate that the workload of federal agencies would not change as a result of this legislation.

The bill 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 Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.