



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3117
Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on November 17, 2011*

H.R. 3117 would authorize the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to permanently allow states to provide federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamps (referred to as federal duck stamps) electronically. The electronic stamps would remain valid for 45 days to allow for the physical stamps to arrive in the mail. A pilot program that authorized states to issue electronic stamps expired last year, although the USFWS has continued the program under other authorities.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3117 would affect direct spending and revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effects would be insignificant for each year because the legislation would not have a significant impact on the number of federal duck stamps purchased.

H.R. 3117 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.

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