



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 398

A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on January 26, 2011

H.R. 398 would extend the period of time available for certain members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses to complete requirements to gain permanent U.S. residence. This legislation would affect a small number of people, and CBO estimates that it would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Because the bill could affect direct spending for visa and immigration matters and increase the cost of federal assistance programs, pay-as-you-go procedures apply; however, we estimate that those costs would be insignificant.

H.R. 398 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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