



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 802

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 12, 2011

H.R. 802 would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an award program to annually recognize businesses for their contributions to veterans' employment.

Based on information from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), CBO anticipates that establishing and implementing such an award program would impose few workload and budgetary requirements on VA. We expect that the award program would require VA staff to develop the award criteria, advertise the program, review nominations, and select winners. Award recipients would be recognized with awards such as trophies and plaques. Assuming the availability of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2012-2016 period for additional personnel costs and to purchase awards and administrative supplies.

Enacting H.R. 802 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 802 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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