



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 5206**

**A bill to allow Foreign Service and other executive agency employees to designate beneficiaries of their death benefits**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
on November 20, 2014*

H.R. 5206 would allow certain employees of the executive branch of the federal government to designate beneficiaries to receive a death gratuity payment in the event of the employee's death in the performance of their duties overseas. Under current law, only certain surviving dependents may receive such payments; if there are no such survivors, no payment is made. The Department of State indicates that there have been few cases in which death gratuity payments have not been made; therefore, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5206 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2015-2019 period, and would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 5206 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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