



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1818
Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2016
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on April 27, 2016

SUMMARY

H.R. 1818 would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award demonstration grants to states to streamline procedures for licensing and certifying emergency medical technicians (EMT) who received similar certifications while serving in the armed forces.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1818 would cost \$30 million over the 2017-2021 period; any such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1818 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 1818 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 1818 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2017- 2021
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	3	5	8	11	12	39
Estimated Outlays	1	3	6	9	11	30

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

The bill would authorize a demonstration program of grants to states to help them streamline requirements and procedures necessary for licensing emergency medical technicians who have backgrounds and experience as military medical technicians.

Based on information from the Department of Labor's interim report on the Veterans' Licensing and Certification Demonstration, CBO expects most states would use grant funds provided by HHS to provide training and education assistance to veterans who would like to become a certified or licensed EMT. Based on data from the Department of Defense and information from training providers, CBO estimates that approximately 5,000 veterans per year would participate in the training program once it is fully implemented and that training costs would average about \$2,000 per participant. In total, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1818 would cost \$30 million over the 2017-2021 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1818 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1818 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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