



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3449

A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend honorary citizenship to otherwise qualified noncitizens who enlisted in the Philippines and died while serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces during certain periods of hostilities, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 17, 2015

H.R. 3449 would grant posthumous U.S. citizenship to certain individuals who served in the United States Armed Forces in the Philippines and died during the period beginning September 1, 1939, and ending December 31, 1946. The bill would not provide any federal benefits to surviving relatives of those individuals. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3449 would result in no significant cost to the federal government because we expect there would be few applications for posthumous citizenship. Under the bill there would be no fee to apply for posthumous citizenship, however, the Department of Homeland Security would spend fees collected for other immigration services, without future appropriation, to process those applications. Because enacting the bill would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

H.R. 3449 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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