



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 9, 2016

H.R. 4023 **Clean Up the Code Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary
on November 18, 2015*

H.R. 4023 would eliminate nine sections of title 18 of the United States Code that provide for criminal penalties for certain violations, including unauthorized use of the Smokey Bear character and other offenses that are very rarely prosecuted. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4023 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting the bill could have a very small effect on criminal fines (revenues) that could be collected from offenders and the spending of such fines, but the net effect on the budget would be negligible.

Because enacting the bill could affect direct spending and revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Enacting H.R. 4023 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits by more than \$5 billion in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 4023 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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