



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 393

A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Armed Services
on January 12, 2017*

Current law bars the appointment to the position of Secretary of Defense of any person who has served on active duty as a commissioned officer of the Armed Forces during the previous seven years. H.R. 393 would waive that prohibition for the next person appointed to the office. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 393 would have no budgetary effect.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 393 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 393 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is David Newman. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.