



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 779 **American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 10, 2011*

SUMMARY

S. 779 would authorize appropriations totaling \$220 million through fiscal year 2022 for the American Battlefield Protection Program. Of that amount, \$20 million is already authorized under existing law. The amounts authorized for each year would be used to provide financial assistance to state or local governments to purchase land that has been identified by the National Park Service (NPS) as eligible for protection through the program but is not contained within the boundaries of a unit of the National Park System.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 779 would cost \$67 million over the 2012-2016 period and about \$133 million more after 2016. Enacting S. 779 would not affect revenues or direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 779 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 779 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2012- 2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	10	10	20	20	20	80
Estimated Outlays	3	9	15	20	20	67

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 779 will be enacted during fiscal year 2012 and that the amounts authorized by the bill (\$10 million for Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields and \$10 million for Civil War battlefields) will be appropriated in each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns of similar NPS grant programs.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

S. 779 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would modify an existing grant for the preservation of battlefield sites and would benefit state and local governments. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of federal assistance.

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