



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3705
Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
on November 2, 2017*

H.R. 3705 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to collaborate with veterans services organizations to develop a standard letter to send to veterans who owe debts to VA. Such letters would be delivered by standard mail unless recipients chose electronic delivery. Under the bill, VA would have one year to report to the Congress on the department's processes for notifying veterans of debt collection efforts.

Based on an analysis of information from VA and the cost of similar reporting efforts, CBO estimates that the cost of developing the standard letter and conducting the study would be insignificant; any such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

Enacting H.R. 3705 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3705 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 3705 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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