



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 8, 2010

H.R. 5301

A bill to extend the period during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and states are prohibited from requiring a permit under section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for certain discharges that are incidental to normal operation of vessels

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on July 1, 2010

Under current law, permit requirements related to certain discharges from fishing vessels and nonrecreational vessels less than 79 feet in length will become effective on July 31, 2010. H.R. 5301 would extend that date until December 18, 2013. CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant budgetary effect.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 5301 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On May 24, 2010, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 3372, a bill to modify the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable states may require permits for discharges on certain vessels, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on May 20, 2010. S. 3372 and H.R. 5301 are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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