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CBO Estimate of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Effects for H.R. 5810, the Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2010 with an Amendment (F:\MDB\SUS\H5810_SUS.XML) Provided to CBO on July 27, 2010

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars												
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2010- 2015	2010- 2020
NET INCREASE OR DECREASE (-) IN THE DEFICIT												
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H.R. 5810 would establish a new federal crime for aiming the beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft or at the aircraft's flight path. Thus, the government might be able to pursue cases that it otherwise would not be able to prosecute. Because those prosecuted and convicted under H.R. 5810 could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional amounts if the legislation is enacted. Criminal fines are recorded as revenues, deposited in the Crime Victims Fund, and later spent. CBO estimates that any additional revenues and direct spending would not be significant because of the small number of cases likely to be affected.