



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2180

**A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive housing loan fees
for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities
called to active service**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on June 10, 2009

H.R. 2180 would direct the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to waive its mortgage funding fee for certain reservists who have been called to active duty. VA collects a fee from most veterans when it guarantees their mortgage loans, but waives the fee for veterans who are receiving disability compensation. Some reservists receive disability compensation, but must forfeit such payments while they are receiving pay for active military service. As a result, they lose eligibility for the fee waivers for the period of their active duty service.

H.R. 2180 would allow continued eligibility for fee waivers for such activated reservists. Under the bill, CBO estimates that fewer than 10 additional veterans a year would receive a fee waiver, which would result in forgone receipts of less than \$50,000 per year. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have an insignificant effect on direct spending and no effect on revenues. In addition, CBO expects that implementing H.R. 2180 would not affect discretionary spending.

H.R. 2180 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.

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