



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2727 **START I Treaty Inspections and Monitoring** **Protocol Continuation Act of 2009**

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on November 20, 2009*

S. 2727 would authorize the President to extend privileges and immunities to Russian arms inspection teams in order to facilitate the continuation of inspections and monitoring activities permitted under the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I), which expired on December 5, 2009. Russia and the United States are reportedly in the final stages of negotiations for a successor treaty to START I as well as a bridging arrangement until the new treaty enters into force. The bill would enable on-site inspections to take place under that bridging arrangement until June 5, 2010, or the date a successor agreement to the START I Protocol becomes effective, whichever occurs earlier.

The Congress provided a total of \$40 million to various military agencies for 2010 to carry out and support inspections and monitoring activities under the START I Protocol. According to the Department of Defense, the relevant defense agencies will retain their START I inspections and compliance personnel, continue verification activities short of on-site inspections, and conduct training and assistance activities to prepare for the new treaty. CBO estimates that any reduced spending for on-site inspections in 2010 would be offset by increased spending for other activities. Thus, implementing S. 2727 would not significantly affect spending subject to appropriation. Enacting S. 2727 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

CBO has not reviewed S. 2727 for intergovernmental or private-sector mandates. Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that are necessary for the ratification or implementation of international treaty obligations. CBO has determined that the bill falls within that exclusion.

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