

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 25, 2014

H.R. 5161

Enhance Labeling, Accessing, and Branding of Electronic Licenses Act of 2014

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 30, 2014

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5161 would have a negligible effect on net discretionary costs over the 2015-2019 period. Enacting H.R. 5161 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 5161 would direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to allow manufacturers of electronic devices with a screen to display information required by the agency digitally on the screen rather than on a label affixed to the device. On July 10, 2014, the FCC issued guidance that describes how devices with integrated displays can present label information electronically.

Based on information from the FCC, CBO expects that any additional actions that agency would take to comply with the bill's requirements would not have a significant effect on the agency's workload, and thus, its spending. In addition, the FCC is authorized to collect fees sufficient to cover its annual appropriation; therefore, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5161 would have a negligible effect on net discretionary costs, assuming appropriation action consistent with that authority.

H.R. 5161 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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