



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 216  
Food Safety Accountability Act of 2011**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 31, 2011*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 216 would have no significant cost to the federal government. The legislation could affect direct spending and revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. We estimate that any such effects would not be significant.

S. 216 would provide enhanced penalties for certain offenses relating to the misbranding or adulteration of food that is shipped across state lines. Because those prosecuted and convicted under the bill 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.

S. 216 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.

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