



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1528 **Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2014**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on April 3, 2014

Current law requires persons who distribute controlled substances to register with the Department of Justice; a separate registration is required for each principal place of business or professional practice. H.R. 1528 would clarify that veterinarians are not required to have separate registrations to dispense controlled substances outside of their principal place of business—when treating animals on a farm, for example—if the use of these substances is required in the usual course of veterinary practice in a state where the veterinarian is licensed to practice.

CBO expects that implementing H.R. 1528 would not change the number of registrations by veterinarians or significantly affect spending by the Department of Justice. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1528 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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