



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

January 31, 2013

**H.R. 235**  
**Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2013**  
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
on January 22, 2013*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 235 would authorize grants to states for streamlining state certification and licensing requirements for veterans to become licensed or certified emergency medical technicians (EMT).

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million and CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1 million over the 2014-2018 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amount. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 235 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2013-2018
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Estimated Outlays	0	*	*	*	*	0	1

Note: \* = less than \$500,000.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

The bill would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award demonstration grants to states to streamline state licensing and certification standards to assist veterans to meet state requirements applicable to becoming a certified or licensed EMT in the state if they have completed military EMT training while serving in the Armed Forces. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million for the period of 2014 through 2018 and direct that the authorized amount come from funds appropriated in fiscal year 2014 to provide grants to area health education centers.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 225 will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2013 and that the full amount authorized will be appropriated. Based on historical patterns of spending for the similar demonstration programs, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$1 million in 2014 and a total of \$1 million over the 2014-2018 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 235 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Funds authorized in the bill would benefit states that restructure state procedures to certify or license eligible veterans as emergency medical technicians.

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