

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

December 19, 2000

S. 2924 Internet False Identification Prevention Act of 2000

As cleared by the Congress on December 15, 2000

Enacting this legislation could affect direct spending and receipts that result from the collection of criminal penalties, but CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant.

S. 2924 would establish new federal crimes relating to the production of false identification documents. Because those prosecuted and convicted under S. 2924 could be subject to fines, the government might collect additional fines if the legislation is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (i.e., revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years. Any additional collections from enacting S. 2924 are likely to be negligible because of the small number of cases likely to be involved. Because any increase in direct spending would equal the fines collected (with a lag of one year or more), the additional direct spending also would be negligible.

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