



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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S. 1178

An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify and extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of nonimmigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General

As cleared by the Congress on April 1, 1998

S. 1178 would modify and extend the visa waiver pilot program through 2000 and require the Attorney General to collect data and report on nonimmigrant aliens who remain in the United States after their authorized period of stay. The program permits certain nonimmigrants to enter the United States for a 90-day period without obtaining a visa. It applies to roughly 12 million nonimmigrants who come from about 28 countries and generally do not stay in the United States longer than the law allows.

CBO estimates that S. 1178 would have no significant budgetary impact. Under current law, the visa fees affected by this bill are recorded as offsetting collections and are available to the Department of State for spending on consular affairs. This bill would result in forgone collections, but spending on consular affairs would be correspondingly lower.

The estimate was prepared by Sunita D'Monte. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.