CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1689

A bill to prohibit states from imposing restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles providing limousine service between a place in a state and a place in another state, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on September 14, 2000

H.R. 1689 would prohibit states, state agencies, or political subdivisions of states from restricting interstate limousine service. Providers of interstate limousine services would continue to be governed by federal regulations on interstate commerce. H.R. 1689 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget because it would not expand the regulatory or enforcement authorities of federal agencies. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The restriction on regulatory activities of state and local governments would be an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). CBO estimates that the cost of this mandate, primarily lost revenues from fines and penalties, would be well below the threshold established in UMRA ($55 million in 2000, adjusted annually for inflation). H.R. 1689 contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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