

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1699

Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act

As passed by the House of Representatives on October 9, 2007

H.R. 1699 would require the Consumer Product Safety Committee (CPSC) to issue regulations requiring manufacturers of durable products for infants or toddlers to provide consumers with registration forms and to maintain a system for notifying consumers of product recalls and safety warnings. In addition, the CPSC would be required to conduct a study on the effectiveness of consumer registration forms in facilitating product recalls and report its findings to the Congress within four years of the bill's enactment.

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1 million, assuming availability of appropriated funds, to issue regulations, conduct the study of product registration, and issue the required report. Enacting H.R. 1699 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1699 would impose mandates, as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), on manufacturers of certain products for infants or toddlers. The bill would require those manufacturers to provide consumers with product registration forms, maintain a record of contact information for registered consumers, and place information about the company and model on each product. Based on information from a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of a similar program involving car seats for children, CBO expects that the aggregate direct cost of the mandates in the bill would fall below the annual threshold established in UMRA for private-sector mandates (\$131 million in 2007, adjusted annually for inflation).

H.R. 1699 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets or state, local, or tribal governments.

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