



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **S. 1879** **Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2003**

*As passed by the Senate on February 2, 2004*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 1879 would reauthorize funding for programs carried out under the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) of 1992. (The program was last reauthorized in 1998.) Authorizations for the program expired at the end of fiscal year 2002 for activities not supported by user fees. The act would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary through fiscal year 2005. Assuming the appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1879 would have no effect on costs in 2004 and would cost \$17 million over the 2005-2009 period. The act would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 1879 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1879 is shown in the following table. The costs fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
MQSA Spending Under Current Law						
Estimated Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	16	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	16	7	2	1	*	0
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	17	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	10	5	1	*	*
MQSA Spending Under S. 1879						
Estimated Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	16	17	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	16	17	7	2	1	*

a. The 2004 level is the amount appropriated in that year for activities authorized under the Mammography Quality Standards Act but not supported by user fees.

\* = Less than \$500,000.

## BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the act will be enacted in fiscal year 2004, that the necessary appropriations will be provided near the start of fiscal year 2005, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for the MQSA program.

S. 1879 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary through 2005 for the Food and Drug Administration to carry out MQSA activities that are not supported by user fees. Those activities include: establishing and enforcing standards for mammography facilities, accreditation bodies, equipment, personnel, and quality assurance; inspecting facilities run by governmental entities; and providing consumer education. The act also would allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue a temporary renewal certificate and a limited provisional certificate to facilities seeking reaccreditation under certain circumstances. CBO estimates that these activities could be carried out with the 2004 appropriation levels adjusted for inflation. We estimate that these activities would have no effect on costs in 2004 and would cost \$11 million over the 2005-2009 period.

In addition, S. 1879 would reauthorize the breast cancer screening surveillance research grant program, administered by the National Cancer Institute. The act would authorize such sums as necessary for that program, at an estimated cost of \$6 million over the 2005-2009 period.

The program funds research to determine the effectiveness of screening programs in reducing breast cancer mortality. CBO's estimate assumes continued funding at the 2004 level adjusted for inflation.

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

S. 1879 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector impact as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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