

H.R. 7158 would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to pay for up to 900 veterans with severe service-connected disabilities to live in medical foster homes. Currently, VA inspects, approves, and provides home-based and case management health care to veterans living in those homes while veterans pay for their room and board expenses. Under the bill, VA would pay for those living expenses. Some of the veterans receiving this benefit would have exposures to environmental hazards, thus CBO expects that some of the costs of implementing the bill would be paid from the Toxic Exposures Fund, a mandatory appropriation. Additionally, subsection (d) would temporarily increase the fees that VA charges borrowers for home loan guarantees in 2031.

On June 10, 2022, CBO published a [cost estimate for H.R. 7158](#), Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. That estimate preceded the enactment of the PACT Act which provides the mandatory appropriation for health care expenses of veterans who have exposures to environmental hazards. Consequently, the June 10 estimate did not identify direct spending.

Estimated Pay-As-You-Go Effects of H.R. 7158, the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act
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	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars										2023-2027	2023-2032
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032		
	Net Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit											
Pay-As-You-Go Effect	8	12	14	17	19	2	0	0	-84	0	70	-12

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. The net changes in outlays that are subject to those procedures are shown here.

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