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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3814
No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on November 30, 2017*

H.R. 3814 would permanently prohibit anyone who has used a commercial motor vehicle to commit a felony involving severe human trafficking from operating a commercial motor vehicle. Under current law, state agencies are responsible for issuing commercial driver's licenses and complying with the requirements in the bill. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has two full-time employees who provide training for state inspectors and investigators who combat criminal activities such as drug trafficking. H.R. 3814 would require FMCSA to expand that effort.

Using information from FMCSA, CBO expects that the agency would add the equivalent of less than one full-time employee annually to implement the provisions of the bill. CBO estimates that the compensation and benefits for that work would be less than \$100,000 each year. As a result, CBO estimates, implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2018-2022 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 3814 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3814 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 3814 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). As a condition of assistance, the bill would require states to ensure that people who commit acts of human trafficking will not be issued commercial driver's licenses. States already screen applicants for drug offenses, among others. Consequently, CBO estimates that the costs of the additional requirement would be small. Conditions of assistance are not considered intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA.

On August 29, 2017, CBO provided an estimate for S. 1532, the No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act, as reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on August 3, 2017. The two pieces of legislation are similar and CBO's estimated costs are the same.

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