

HR 277

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to assign members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions, to assist the Department of Homeland Security in the performance of border protection functions.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2003
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2003)

Authorizes the Secretary of Defense, upon request of the Secretary of Homeland Security, to assign members of the armed forces to assist: (1) the Bureau of Border Security of the Department of Homeland Security in preventing the entry of terrorists, drug traffickers, and illegal aliens into the United States; and (2) the U.S. Customs Service in the inspection of cargo, vehicles, and aircraft at U.S. points of entry to prevent the entry of weapons of mass destruction and their components, prohibited narcotics or drugs, or other terrorist or drug trafficking items. Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to certify that such request is necessary to respond to a threat to national security.

Requires the Secretaries to establish a training program that must be completed by military personnel serving in such capacity. Requires any member so serving to be accompanied by a civilian law enforcement officer from the agency concerned.

Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish ongoing joint task forces to respond to threats to national security posed by the entry of terrorists, drug traffickers, or illegal aliens.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to notify the governor and local governments of the State involved of the deployment of such members and the types of tasks to be performed.

Prohibits any such assignment after September 30, 2005.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 13, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
- **Jan 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Jan 8, 2003:** Introduced in House
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