

S 3948

Enhanced Border Tunnel Prevention Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10291

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Frist, William H. [R-TN]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4830	Related bill	Sep 21, 2006: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
109 S 2652	Related bill	Apr 26, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
109 S 2355	Related bill	Mar 2, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1646-1647)
109 HR 4816	Related bill	Feb 28, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Enhanced Border Tunnel Prevention Act - Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit the construction or financing of an unauthorized tunnel or subterranean passage that crosses the international border between the United States and another country. Imposes a 25-year prison term for such offense. Doubles penalties for persons who use such a tunnel or passage to smuggle an alien, illegal goods, controlled substances, weapons of mass destruction, or members of a terrorist organization

Imposes a 15-year prison term on any person who knows of or recklessly disregards the construction or use of an unauthorized tunnel or passage on land that such person owns or controls.

Subjects to forfeiture any property involved in, or traceable to, the construction or financing of an unauthorized tunnel or passage.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to promulgate or amend sentencing guidelines to provide for increased penalties for persons convicted of criminal offenses related to the construction or financing of an unauthorized tunnel or passage.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 27, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10289-10290)
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