

HR 4816

To amend chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized construction of tunnels between the United States and another country.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 28, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 3948	Related bill	Sep 27, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10291)
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)

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 20-year prison term for such offense.

Imposes a 20-year prison term on any person who knowingly permits the construction or use of such a tunnel or passage on land that such person owns or controls.

Doubles penalties for persons who use such a tunnel or passage to unlawfully smuggle an alien, illegal goods, controlled substances, weapons of mass destruction, or members of a terrorist organization.

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

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