

HR 875

Cross-Border Trade Enhancement Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]

Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 6, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2015
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 461	Identical bill	Nov 30, 2016: Held at the desk.
114 S 208	Related bill	Jan 21, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to enter into agreements with certain entities for the CBP to provide customs, agricultural processing, border security, or inspection-related immigration services at federal-owned land, or sea or air ports of entry, subject to payment of a fee to reimburse the CBP for providing such services. The bill prescribes requirements for the termination of CBP services and the imposition of a penalty after notice and demand for payment of fees not timely paid by an entity.

The CBP and the General Services Administration may enter into an agreement with an entity to accept donations of:

- personal property, money, or nonpersonal services for use in the purchase and installation of furniture and other equipment at new or existing sea or air ports of entry or new or existing federal-owned land ports of entry; or
- real property or money for use in the construction or maintenance of such facilities.

The CBP shall establish, and make available to the public, criteria for evaluating a proposal to enter into agreements to accept donations.

CBP and the Government Accountability Office shall report annually to specified congressional committees on CBP fee agreements and donations.

(Sec. 3) Modifies CBP reporting requirements under the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 to include reporting on reimbursable fee agreements with CBP.

(Sec. 4) The bill amends the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, to repeal:

- CBP authority to enter into reimbursable fee agreements for a period of up to five years, and
- the partnership pilot program allowing CBP to enter into partnerships with the private sector and government entities at ports of entry for certain CBP services and to accept certain donations.

(Sec. 5) The bill amends the Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 to permit the CBP to waive certain polygraph examination requirements for certain qualifying applicants for law enforcement positions with CBP.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 16, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-279.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 12, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 10, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7149)
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- **Dec 7, 2016:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Mr. Boustany moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7215-7220)
- **Dec 6, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 875.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7215-7218)
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- **Dec 6, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Feb 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.