HR 6742

Secure Border Communications Act

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Immigration
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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 26, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 25, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 7, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6136	Related bill	**Jun 27, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 HR 4760	Related bill	**Jun 21, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Sep 25, 2018)

Secure Border Communications Act

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that each U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer or agent is equipped with a secure radio or other two-way communication device, supported by system interoperability, that permits communication: (1) between ports of entry and inspection stations; and (2) with other federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement entities.

DHS shall: (1) ensure that U.S. Border Patrol agents in remote mission critical locations and at border checkpoints have multi- or dual-band encrypted portable radios, and (2) acquire radios or other devices with the option to connect to commercial mobile broadband networks for deployment in areas where such networks enhance operations and are cost effective.

DHS may evaluate new or emerging communications technologies to determine their suitability for border security operations.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-963, Part I.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 751.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Mr. McCaul moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8752-8753)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6742.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8752)
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- **Sep 25, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
- **Sep 7, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

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