

HR 5273

Securing America's Ports Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Law: 116-299 (Enacted Jan 5, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jan 24, 2020
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jan 24, 2020
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Feb 6, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 9, 2020
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 29, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report to Congress a plan to perform high-throughput scanning of all commercial and passenger vehicles and freight rail traffic entering the United States at a land port of entry or rail-border crossing using large-scale non-intrusive inspection systems, such as X-ray and gamma-ray imaging systems, or similar technology. The plan shall include elements such as (1) an inventory of such systems currently in use, (2) the estimated costs of achieving a 100% scanning rate, and (3) the anticipated impact that increasing the scanning rate will have on wait times at land ports of entry and rail-border crossings. DHS shall periodically report to Congress on the progress in implementing the plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 5, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 116-299.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Ms. Torres Small (NM) asked unanimous consent to take the bill, H.R. 5273, from the Speaker's Table and agree to the Senate amendments. (consideration: CR H7128-7129)
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Ms. Torres Small (NM) asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendments.
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection.(text: CR H7128-7129)
- **Dec 10, 2020:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H7128-7129)
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 8, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 7, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7243-7244; text: CR S7244)
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- **Sep 9, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 116-267.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 530.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Ms. Torres Small (NM) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H986-988)
- **Feb 10, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5273.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Feb 10, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H987)
- **Feb 10, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 6, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 116-394.
- **Feb 6, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 317.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations Discharged.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 29, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **Dec 13, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Dec 13, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Nov 26, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 26, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.