

HR 1707

Border Visibility and Security Act

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Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jan 10, 2022
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 11, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4642	Related bill	Jul 27, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 HR 7260	Related bill	Apr 6, 2022: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (H4202)

Summary (as of Mar 9, 2021)

Border Visibility and Security Act

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to install surveillance technology and take other actions with respect to the U.S.-Mexico border.

DHS shall deploy the most practical and effective technology available to achieve situational awareness and operational control of the border. Such technology may include radar surveillance systems, tunnel detection technology, and unmanned aerial vehicles.

DHS is authorized to waive legal requirements as necessary in order to implement the necessary surveillance technology along the border.

DHS shall also (1) construct a navigable road along at least 700 miles of the southwest border, (2) permanently eradicate certain foliage that grows along the Rio Grande river, and (3) report to Congress a comprehensive strategy about the barriers and technologies needed to secure operational control along the border.

Drug cartel funds that have been criminally forfeited to the U.S. government shall be reserved for security measures along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.