

HR 5399

National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Oct 6, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Dec 6, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 6, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 29, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill prohibits the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture from restricting certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) activities pertaining to border enforcement and addresses related issues.

Specifically, neither department may impose restrictions on CBP actions taking place on federal land under their respective jurisdictions and located within 100 miles of an international border if the CBP actions involve search and rescue operations and the prevention of all unlawful entries into the United States. CBP shall have immediate access to such federal lands to conduct various activities, including the installation and maintenance of roads, barriers, and surveillance equipment.

Furthermore, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may waive the application of certain legal requirements on such federal lands if DHS determines that the waiver is necessary to ensure the expeditious construction of border barriers and roads. DHS may waive only specified laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Historic Preservation Act, and certain provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Sep 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Homeland Security, 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.