

## HR 6022

### Build Better Borders Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Nov 18, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6022>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Nov 23, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 19, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 18, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 58	Related bill	Mar 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

## Build Better Borders Act of 2021

This bill increases a civil penalty for improperly entering the United States and appropriates the collected funds for certain uses, including for the construction of a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Specifically, the civil penalty for an alien apprehended while entering (or attempting to enter) the United States at a time or place other than as designated by immigration officers shall be \$450,000, or \$900,000 for an individual who has been previously subject to the penalty. Under current law, the penalty is between \$50 and \$250, or between \$100 and \$500 for an individual who has been previously subject to the penalty.

The bill appropriates the funds from such penalties for use by the Department of Homeland Security, and the funds may only be used to (1) plan, design, construct, or maintain a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border; and (2) purchase and maintain necessary vehicles and equipment for the U.S. Border Patrol.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Nov 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Nov 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 18, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and 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.