

HR 812

Security First Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Apr 23, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Bice, Stephanie L. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Mar 18, 2021
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Flores, Mayra [R-TX-34]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6673	Related bill	Feb 10, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.

Summary (as of Feb 4, 2021)

Security First Act

This bill provides statutory authorization for the Operation Stonegarden program from FY2022 through FY2025 and contains other provisions related to border security. (Operation Stonegarden provides grants to enhance the border security capabilities of state, local, and tribal governments.)

From FY2022 through FY2025, the money from unreported monetary instruments seized from individuals crossing the U.S.-Mexico border and transferred into the Department of the Treasury general fund shall be made available without further appropriation to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fund Operation Stonegarden.

DHS shall report to Congress on (1) DHS hiring practices from 2017 to 2020, and (2) whether certain Mexican drug cartels meet the criteria to be designated as foreign terrorist organizations. DHS shall also periodically report to Congress about the technology needed to secure the U.S.-Mexico land border.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H334)
- **Feb 4, 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.