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Transnational Criminal Organization Illicit Spotter Prevention and Elimination Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3602	Identical bill	Apr 20, 2024: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 215 - 199 (Roll no. 143).

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This bill provides for criminal penalties for certain conduct that interferes with U.S. border control measures.

Specifically, a person who knowingly transmits the location or activities of law enforcement with the intent to further a crime related to immigration, customs, or controlled substances may be imprisoned for a maximum of 10 years. A person who knowingly damages or destroys a device deployed to control the border or port of entry may be imprisoned for a maximum of 10 years.

Additionally, the bill provides for enhanced punishment for carrying or using a firearm in connection with certain criminal immigration violations such as assisting a non-U.S. national (*alien* under federal law) who is inadmissible due to a felony conviction.

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