

HR 4071

Combatting International Drug Trafficking and Human Smuggling Partnership Act of 2025

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pou, Nellie [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jun 23, 2025
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 30, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 20, 2025
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Discharged From	Oct 3, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill expands permitted U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) activities in foreign countries and provides for tort claims against the United States for certain CBP operations in foreign countries.

The bill allows officers and agents of the Air and Marine Operations of CBP to provide specified support to the government of foreign countries. In particular, officers and agents may provide support for

- monitoring, locating, and deterring the smuggling of illegal drugs, persons, or goods into the United States;
- tracking terrorist or other threats to the United States;
- emergency humanitarian efforts; and
- law enforcement capacity-building efforts.

The bill also allows CBP to expend appropriated funds to pay claims for money damages made against the United States that arise in a foreign country in connection with CBP operations. This includes money damages for injury, loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by certain acts or omissions of an employee of the agency while acting within the scope of his or her office or employment. Under current law, acts occurring in foreign countries are excepted from the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Claims made under the bill must be made no more than two years after the date of the incident. The authority to expend funds for such damages expires five years after the date of enactment of the bill.

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