

## S 481

Securing our Border Act

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**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 10, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 6, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 4765	Identical bill	<b>Jul 25, 2025:</b> Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and 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.

## **Securing our Border Act**

This bill addresses issues concerning border security and immigration, including by transferring unobligated funds from the Internal Revenue Service to certain border-related projects.

Specifically, the bill transfers certain unobligated funds previously appropriated for tax enforcement activities (e.g., collecting owed taxes and conducting criminal investigations) to fund (1) nonintrusive inspection systems along the northern border and southwest border of the United States, and (2) the construction of a border wall system along the southwest border.

The bill also authorizes the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to pay recruitment, retention, and relocation bonuses, subject to various requirements and limitations. For example, a relocation bonus may not exceed 15% of the agent's annual basic pay and must be conditioned on the agent agreeing to serve for at least three years at the new duty station.

The bill also modifies the treatment of non-U.S. nationals (*aliens* under federal law) arriving by land from a country next to the United States. Specifically, if such an individual is not clearly entitled to admission into the United States, the Department of Justice must (1) return the individual to that neighboring country or a safe third country while removal proceedings are pending, or (2) detain the individual while the individual's asylum application is under consideration. (Current law authorizes DOJ to return the individual to the neighboring country but does not require such action or detention.)

