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Transnational Criminal Organization Illicit Spotter Prevention and Elimination Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 9, 2025

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 263	Related bill	Jan 9, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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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, controlled substances, or other border controls may be imprisoned for a maximum of 10 years. A person who knowingly damages or destroys a device deployed to control the border or a 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 enter the United States.

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