

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4451

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a program to prioritize efforts to secure the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ZINKE, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border Security
5 Health Initiative Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title IV of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 231 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 434. BORDER SECURITY PRIORITIZATION.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—To ensure the
3 prioritization of efforts to secure the international borders
4 of the United States, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
5 and Border Protection, in consultation with the Chief
6 Medical Officer of the Department, shall establish a pro-
7 gram to decrease the number of Border Patrol agents who
8 are removed from border security operations for the pur-
9 pose of accompanying to medical treatment facilities ill or
10 injured individuals interdicted by the Border Patrol.

11 “(b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The program es-
12 tablished in accordance with subsection (a) shall place ap-
13 propriate medical personnel from the Department at Bor-
14 der Patrol stations along the Southwest border to ensure
15 Border Patrol agents are able to prioritize securing the
16 international borders of the United States.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
19 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
20 433 the following new item:

“Sec. 434. Border security prioritization.”.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

22 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act and two years thereafter, the Commis-
24 sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, in coordi-
25 nation with the Chief Medical Officer of the Department

1 of Homeland Security, shall submit to the Committee on
2 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and
3 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
4 Affairs of the Senate a report on implementation of the
5 program established pursuant to section 434 of the Home-
6 land Security Act of 2002, as added by section 2 of this
7 Act, including a list of Border Patrol stations within which
8 such program is operational, statistics on Border Patrol
9 agent hours spent on border security operations that
10 would have otherwise been spent accompanying to medical
11 treatment facilities ill or injured detainees, and an esti-
12 mation of efficiencies and costs savings gained from imple-
13 mentation of such program versus treating at local med-
14 ical treatment facilities ill or injured detainees.

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