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# H. R. 1555

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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

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## 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 Control and  
5       Contractor Accountability Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION FROM FEDERAL CON-**  
2 **TRACTING FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL**  
3 **ALIENS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—In the case of a contract award-  
5 ed by an Executive agency, if the head of the agency deter-  
6 mines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the con-  
7 tractor performing the contract directly employed, or had  
8 knowledge of a subcontractor's employment of, any alien  
9 whose immigration status does not authorize the alien to  
10 be so employed, the head of the agency shall—

11 (1) debar or suspend the contractor in accord-  
12 ance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and

13 (2) terminate the contract in accordance with  
14 the Federal Acquisition Regulation, unless the con-  
15 tractor or subcontractor, as the case may be, agrees  
16 to terminate the employment of any such alien.

17 (b) PERIOD OF DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION.—The  
18 period of debarment or suspension under subsection (a)  
19 shall be 3 years.

20 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—The head of each Executive  
21 agency shall submit to Congress each year a report de-  
22 scribing—

23 (1) the contractors that the agency has  
24 debarred or suspended pursuant to this section;

25 (2) the contracts that the agency has termi-  
26 nated pursuant to this section; and

(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Executive agency” has the meaning provided in section 105 of title 5, United States Code.

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland  
9 Security shall establish the position of Small Business Ad-  
10 ministration Liaison within United States Immigration  
11 and Customs Enforcement.

(b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The Liaison shall, in consultation with the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, ensure that the Small Business Administration does not make or guarantee a loan to an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States.

(a) TRANSPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to enter into contracts with private entities for the purpose of providing secure domestic transport of aliens who are apprehended at or along the international land or maritime borders of the United States from the custody of the Border Patrol to detention facilities.

1 (b) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.—To enter into a con-  
2 tract under subsection (a), a private entity shall submit  
3 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such man-  
4 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may  
5 require. The Secretary shall select from such applications  
6 those entities which offer, in the determination of the Sec-  
7 retary, the best combination of quality, lowest cost, and  
8 security.

9 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-**  
10 **CURITY FROM CONTRACTING WITH COMPA-**  
11 **NIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN BASIC PILOT**  
12 **PROGRAM.**

13 No contract may be awarded by the Department of  
14 Homeland Security to an entity that employs individuals  
15 unless the entity agrees to elect to participate in the basic  
16 pilot program described in section 403(a) of the Illegal  
17 Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of  
18 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note).

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