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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VINDMAN (for himself and Mr. CRENSHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, 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 “Enhancing South-  
5 bound Inspections to Combat Cartels Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1           (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2       TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
3       mittees” means—

4           (A) the Committee on Appropriations of  
5       the Senate;

6           (B) the Committee on Homeland Security  
7       and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

8           (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
9       Senate;

10          (D) the Committee on Appropriations of  
11       the House of Representatives;

12          (E) the Committee on Homeland Security  
13       of the House of Representatives; and

14          (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
15       House of Representatives.

16       (2) SOUTHERN BORDER.—The term “Southern  
17       Border” means the international land border be-  
18       tween the United States and Mexico.

19   **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL INSPECTION EQUIPMENT AND INFRA-**  
20                   **STRUCTURE.**

21       (a) IMAGING SYSTEMS.—The Commissioner of U.S.  
22       Customs and Border Protection is authorized—

23           (1) to purchase up to 50 additional non-intru-  
24       sive imaging systems; and

1           (2) to procure additional associated supporting  
2       infrastructure.

3       (b) DEPLOYMENT.—The systems and infrastructure  
4       purchased or otherwise procured pursuant to subsection  
5       (a) shall be deployed along the Southern Border for the  
6       primary purpose of inspecting any persons, conveyances,  
7       or modes of transportation traveling from the United  
8       States to Mexico.

9       (c) ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT.—The Commissioner  
10      of U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to  
11      procure additional infrastructure or alternative inspection  
12      equipment that the Commissioner deems necessary for the  
13      purpose of inspecting any persons, conveyances, or modes  
14      of transportation traveling from the United States to Mex-  
15      ico.

16      (d) SUNSET.—Subsections (a) and (c) shall cease to  
17      have force and effect beginning on the date that is 5 years  
18      after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19   **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGA-**  
20                           **TIONS PERSONNEL FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF**  
21                           **SOUTHBOUND SMUGGLING.**

22      (a) HSI SPECIAL AGENTS.—The Director of U.S.  
23      Immigration and Customs Enforcement shall hire, train,  
24      and assign—

1           (1) not fewer than 100 new Homeland Security  
2       Investigations special agents to primarily assist with  
3       investigations involving the smuggling of currency  
4       and firearms from the United States to Mexico; and

5           (2) not fewer than 100 new Homeland Security  
6       Investigations special agents to assist with investiga-  
7       tions involving the smuggling of contraband, human  
8       trafficking and smuggling (including that of chil-  
9       dren), drug smuggling, and unauthorized entry into  
10      the United States from Mexico.

11      (b) SUPPORT STAFF.—The Director is authorized to  
12      hire, train, and assign such additional support staff as  
13      may be necessary to support the functions carried out by  
14      the special agents hired pursuant to subsection (a).

15      **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

16      (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
17      date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
18      land Security shall submit a report to the appropriate con-  
19      gressional committees that—

20           (1) identifies the resources provided, including  
21      equipment, personnel, and infrastructure, and the  
22      annual budget to carry out outbound and inbound  
23      inspections, including, to the extent practicable, re-  
24      sources specifically used for inspections of any indi-  
25      viduals and modes of transportation—

1 (A) from the United States to Mexico or to  
2 Canada; and

3 (B) from Mexico or Canada into the  
4 United States;

5 (2) describes the operational cadence of all out-  
6 bound and inbound inspections of individuals and  
7 conveyances traveling from the United States to  
8 Mexico or to Canada and from Mexico or Canada  
9 into the United States, described as a percentage of  
10 total encounters or as the total number of inspec-  
11 tions conducted;

12 (3) describes any plans that would allow for the  
13 use of alternative inspection sites near a port of  
14 entry;

15 (4) includes an estimate of—

16 (A) the number of vehicles and convey-  
17 ances that can be inspected with up to 50 addi-  
18 tional non-intrusive imaging systems dedicated  
19 to southbound inspections; and

20 (B) the number of vehicles and convey-  
21 ances that can be inspected with up to 50 addi-  
22 tional non-intrusive imaging systems that may  
23 be additionally dedicated to inbound inspections  
24 along the southwest border; and

1           (5) assesses the capability of inbound inspec-  
2           tions by authorities of the Government of Mexico, in  
3           cooperation with United States law enforcement  
4           agencies, to detect and interdict the flow of illicit  
5           weapons and currency being smuggled—

6                       (A) from the United States to Mexico; and

7                       (B) from Mexico into the United States.

8           (b) CLASSIFICATION.—The report submitted pursu-  
9           ant to subsection (a), or any part of such report, may be  
10          classified or provided with other appropriate safeguards  
11          to prevent public dissemination.

12   **SEC. 6. MINIMUM MANDATORY SOUTHBOUND INSPECTION**  
13                       **REQUIREMENT.**

14          (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than March 30, 2027,  
15          the Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure, to the  
16          extent practicable, that not fewer than 10 percent of all  
17          conveyances and other modes of transportation traveling  
18          from the United States to Mexico are inspected before  
19          leaving the United States.

20          (b) AUTHORIZED INSPECTION ACTIVITIES.—Inspec-  
21          tions required under subsection (a) may include non-intru-  
22          sive imaging, physical inspections by officers or canine  
23          units, or other means authorized by the Secretary of  
24          Homeland Security.

1       (c) REPORT ON ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS CAPABILI-  
2 TIES.—Not later than March 30, 2028, the Secretary of  
3 Homeland Security shall submit a report to the appro-  
4 priate congressional committees that assesses the Depart-  
5 ment of Homeland Security’s timeline and resource re-  
6 quirements for increasing inspection rates to 15 and 20  
7 percent, respectively, of all conveyances and modes of  
8 transportation traveling from the United States to Mexico.

9       **SEC. 7. CURRENCY AND FIREARMS SEIZURES QUARTERLY**  
10                               **REPORT.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days there-  
13 after until the date that is 4 years after such date of en-  
14 actment, the Commissioner for U.S. Customs and Border  
15 Protection shall submit a report to the appropriate con-  
16 gressional committees that describes the seizure of cur-  
17 rency, firearms, and ammunition attempted to be traf-  
18 ficked out of the United States.

19       (b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted pursuant to  
20 subsection (a) shall include, for the most recent 90-day  
21 period for which such information is available—

22               (1) the total number of currency seizures that  
23               occurred from outbound inspections at United States  
24               ports of entry;

1           (2) the total dollar amount associated with the  
2       currency seizures referred to in paragraph (1);

3           (3) the total number of firearms seized from  
4       outbound inspections at United States ports of  
5       entry;

6           (4) the total number of ammunition rounds  
7       seized from outbound inspections at United States  
8       ports of entry; and

9           (5) the total number of incidents of firearm sei-  
10      zures and ammunition seizures that occurred at  
11      United States ports of entry.

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