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H. R. 6280

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. CARAVEO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Ways and Means, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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 “Smart Border Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CERTAIN U.S. CUSTOMS**
2 **AND BORDER PROTECTION OPERATIONS.**

3 (a) **HIRING.**—There is authorized to be appropriated
4 to the Secretary of Homeland Security \$300,000,000 to
5 hire personnel for U.S. Customs and Border Protection
6 operations at ports of entry, including agents, processing
7 assistants, technicians, agriculture specialists, and import
8 specialists.

9 (b) **SCREENING.**—There is authorized to be appro-
10 priated to the Secretary of Homeland Security
11 \$200,000,000 to procure, deploy, install, maintain, and
12 operate screening technology at U.S. Customs and Border
13 Protection ports of entry, such as non-intrusive inspection
14 technology to inspect and detect cargo for illicit materials,
15 such as fentanyl.

16 (c) **INFRASTRUCTURE.**—There is authorized to be ap-
17 propriated to the Administrator of General Services
18 \$70,000,000 for port of entry infrastructure, including
19 port of entry building infrastructure improvements, vehicle
20 inspection lane expansion or improvements, pedestrian
21 pathway and lane expansion or improvements, and mod-
22 ernization within ports of entry.

23 (d) **AVAILABILITY.**—Amounts authorized to be ap-
24 propriated for the purposes described in this section—

25 (1) shall be expended by not later than one year
26 after the date of the enactment of this section; and

1 (2) are in addition to amounts otherwise made
2 available to the Secretary of Homeland Security or
3 to the Administrator of General Services.

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