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H. R. 5398

To provide salary and expenses for Department of Homeland Security personnel during a Government shutdown during fiscal year 2026 or fiscal year 2027, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Ms. BOEBERT, Ms. TENNEY, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BEAN of Florida, and Mrs. BICE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 “Pay Our Homeland
5 Defenders Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR DHS EMPLOY-**
2 **EES DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated,
4 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
5 priated, for any period during which interim or full-year
6 appropriations for fiscal year 2026 or fiscal year 2027 are
7 not in effect such sums as are necessary to provide pay
8 and allowances to—

9 (1) law enforcement personnel of the Depart-
10 ment of Homeland Security during such period, in-
11 cluding any personnel within classification series
12 0083, 1801, 1802, 1811, 1881, 1895, 1896, or 2181
13 (or any successor series);

14 (2) any Department of Homeland Security em-
15 ployees or contractors that the Secretary determines
16 are necessary to carry out this subsection, including
17 employees or contractors involved in the administra-
18 tive, payroll, distribution, accounting, and commer-
19 cial accounts functions; and

20 (3) members, civilian personnel, and contractors
21 of the United States Coast Guard during such pe-
22 riod, to the extent not otherwise provided for by law.

23 (b) TERMINATION.—Appropriations and authority
24 granted pursuant to this Act shall remain available until
25 the earlier of the following:

1 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
2 (including a continuing resolution) for any of the
3 purposes described in subsection (a).

4 (2) The enactment into law of a regular appro-
5 priations bill or continuing resolution without an ap-
6 propriation for those purposes.

7 (3) January 1, 2027.

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