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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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. BORDER CROSSING ACCOUNTABILITY.**

4   (a) ESTIMATION OF ANNUAL ILLEGAL BORDER

5   CROSSINGS.—Not later than 30 days after the end of each

6   fiscal year, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the

7   Secretary of Homeland Security, shall estimate the num-

1 ber of illegal border crossings that occurred during such

2 fiscal year along the southern land border of the United

3 States.

4   (b) REDUCTION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.—

5   (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under

6   paragraph (2), the Secretary of State, shall propor-

7   tionately reduce the amount of financial assistance

8   provided to the Government of Mexico for each fiscal

9   year by a total of $1,000 for each illegal border

10   crossing from Mexico to the United States during

11   the previous fiscal year.

12   (2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph

13   (1), the Secretary of State may decide not to reduce

14   the amounts appropriated for the Government of

15   Mexico from the International Military Education

16   and Training Fund, the International Narcotics

17   Control and Law Enforcement Fund, and the fund

18   to carry out nonproliferation, anti-terrorism,

19   demining, and related programs and activities.

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