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To require full staffing at certain U.S. Border Patrol sectors, amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to provide for double-layered fencing along the entire southwest border, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. FLORES, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. BABIN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. YOHIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Protect Our South-
5 western States Enforcement Act” or the “POSSE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FULL STAFFING OF CERTAIN U.S. BORDER PATROL**
2 **SECTORS AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN**
3 **U.S. BORDER PATROL STATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) ACTION REQUIRED.—Not later than one
6 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
8 tion shall take such actions as are necessary to—

9 (A) ensure, in accordance with subsection
10 (b), that the U.S. Border Patrol sectors speci-
11 fied in paragraph (2) are fully staffed; and

12 (B) maintain at current levels the number
13 of U.S. Border Patrol stations in each such sec-
14 tor.

15 (2) SECTORS SPECIFIED.—The U.S. Border Pa-
16 trol sectors referred to in paragraph (1) are the fol-
17 lowing:

18 (A) Big Bend Sector, Texas.

19 (B) Del Rio Sector, Texas.

20 (C) El Paso Sector, Texas.

21 (D) Laredo Sector, Texas.

22 (E) Rio Grande Valley Sector, Texas.

23 (F) El Centro Sector, California.

24 (G) San Diego Sector, California.

25 (H) Tucson Sector, Arizona.

26 (I) Yuma Sector, Arizona.

1 (b) STAFFING.—The Commissioner of U.S. Customs
2 and Border Protection shall hire a sufficient number of
3 U.S. Border Patrol agents and U.S. Customs and Border
4 Protection officers above the number of such agents and
5 officers in existence as of the date of the enactment of
6 this Act in order to provide for full staffing of the U.S.
7 Border Patrol sectors specified in subsection (a).

8 **SEC. 3. DOUBLE-LAYERED FENCING ALONG ENTIRE SOUTH-**
9 **WEST BORDER.**

10 Paragraph (1) of section 102(b) of the Illegal Immi-
11 gration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996
12 (Public Law 104–208; 8 U.S.C. 1103 note) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “shall con-
14 struct reinforced fencing along not less than 700
15 miles of the southwest border where fencing would
16 be most practical and effective” and inserting “shall,
17 not later than December 31, 2019, construct double-
18 layered fencing along the entire southwest border”;

19 (2) by striking subparagraph (B); and

20 (3) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and
21 (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively.

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