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# H. R. 992

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Mr. CLOUD (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. MACE, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. ROUZER, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. SCHMIDT, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

To prohibit the Department of Justice from bringing a civil action against a State under section 9 or 10 of the Act of March 3, 1899, for certain border security measures, and for other purposes.

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 “Preventing Aliens  
5 Through Rivers or Land Act” or the “PATROL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CIVIL ACTION FOR CERTAIN BOR-**  
2 **DER SECURITY MEASURES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may not  
4 bring or maintain a civil action (including an action that  
5 is pending on the date of enactment of this Act) under  
6 section 9 or 10 of the Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C.  
7 401; 403), against a State for any measure undertaken  
8 by the State to build, construct, erect, or otherwise install  
9 a barrier along the international border of the State for  
10 the purpose of—

11 (1) preventing aliens from entering the State in  
12 violation of the immigration laws; or

13 (2) protecting the territory of the State.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) ALIEN.—The term “alien” has the meaning  
16 given such term in section 101 of the Immigration  
17 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

18 (2) BARRIER.—The term “barrier” means any  
19 physical structure intended to secure the border, in-  
20 cluding a wall, fence, or floating buoy.

21 (3) IMMIGRATION LAWS.—The term “immigra-  
22 tion laws” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
23 tion 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
24 U.S.C. 1101).

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