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To achieve border security on certain Federal lands along the Southern border.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
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Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Arizona Borderlands Protection and Preservation Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
In this Act:

(1) BORDER SECURITY.—The term “border security” means—
(A) the functioning and operational capability to conduct continuous and integrated manned or unmanned, monitoring, sensing, or surveillance of 100 percent of Southern border mileage or the immediate vicinity of the Southern border; and

(B) the apprehension or turn back of all illegal entries across the Southern border during a fiscal year.

(2) FEDERAL LANDS.—The term “Federal lands” includes all land under the control of the Secretary concerned that is located within the Southwest border region in the Tucson and Yuma sectors of United States Border Patrol along the Southern border.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(4) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Secretary concerned” means—

(A) with respect to land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(B) with respect to land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Interior.
(5) Southern border.—The term “Southern border” means the international border between the United States and Mexico.

SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR BORDER SECURITY NEEDS.

(a) In general.—To achieve border security on Federal lands—

(1) the Secretary and the Secretary concerned, notwithstanding any other provision of law, shall provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel with immediate access to Federal lands for border security activities, including—

(A) routine motorized patrols; and

(B) the deployment of communications, surveillance, and detection equipment; and

(2) the Secretary concerned may provide education and training to U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel on the natural and cultural resources present on individual Federal land units.

(b) Intermingled State and Private Land.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any private or State-owned land within the boundaries of Federal lands.