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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase the civil penalty for unlawfully entering the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Build Better Borders
5 Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED CIVIL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL**
2 **ENTRY.**

3 Section 275(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality
4 Act (8 U.S.C. 1325(b)(1)) is amended by striking “at
5 least \$50 and not more than \$250” and inserting
6 “\$450,000”.

7 **SEC. 3. BORDER WALL TRUST FUND.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—At the end of sub-
9 chapter III of chapter 33 of title 31, United States Code,
10 insert the following:

11 **“§ 3344. Secure the southern border fund**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
13 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of the
14 Treasury shall establish an account in the Treasury of the
15 United States, to be known as the ‘Secure the Southern
16 Border Fund’, into which funds collected under section
17 275(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
18 U.S.C. 1325(b)(1)) shall be deposited.

19 “(b) APPROPRIATION.—Funds deposited in the Se-
20 cure the Southern Border Fund shall be available until
21 expended. Such funds are authorized to be appropriated,
22 and are appropriated, to the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
23 rity only—

24 “(1) to plan, design, construct, or maintain a
25 barrier along the international border between the
26 United States and Mexico; and

1 “(2) to purchase and maintain necessary vehi-
2 cles and equipment for U.S. Border Patrol agents.

3 “(c) LIMITATION.—Not more than 5 percent of the
4 funds deposited in the Secure the Southern Border Fund
5 may be used for the purpose described in subsection
6 (b)(2).”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
8 for chapter 33 of title 31, United States Code, is amended
9 by inserting at the end the following:

“3344. Secure the Southern Border Fund.”.