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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Boozman (for himself, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Inhoffe, Mr. Daines, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Hyde-Smith, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Cotton, and Mr. Hagerty) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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,
SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES RESULTING FROM THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not obligate or expend any amounts to provide emergency assistance in response to an emergency at the southern border directly resulting from the repeal of an order specified in subsection (b).

(b) ORDER SPECIFIED.—An order specified in this subsection is any of the following:

(1) The Order issued by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on August 2, 2021, entitled “Public Health Reassessment and Order Suspending the Right To Introduce Certain Persons From Countries Where a Quarantinable Communicable Disease Exists” (86 Fed. Reg. 42828).

(2) The Order issued by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on April 1, 2022, entitled “Public Health Determination and Order Regarding Suspending the Right To Introduce Certain Persons From Countries Where a
Quarantinable Communicable Disease Exists” (87 Fed. Reg. 19941).

(3) An order relating to the same public health concern as an order specified in paragraph (1) or (2).

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Secretary from obligating or expending amounts to provide emergency assistance at the southern border that is not described in subsection (a).