

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 278

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2017

Mr. Ross introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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 “Finish the Fence Act of  
5 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. FENCING ALONG AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF**  
2 **THE SOUTHWEST BORDER.**

3 (a) FENCING.—Paragraph (1) of section 102(b) of  
4 the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsi-  
5 bility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103 note) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, not  
7 later than December 31, 2017,” before “construct”;

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

9 (3) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and  
10 (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively.

11 (b) OPERATIONAL CONTROL.—Subsection (a) of sec-  
12 tion 2 the Secure Fence Act of 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1701 note;  
13 Public Law 109–367) is amended, in the matter preceding  
14 paragraph (1)—

15 (1) by striking “18 months after the date of the  
16 enactment of this Act,” and inserting “December  
17 31, 2017,”; and

18 (2) by inserting “, in consultation with State  
19 and local officials along the international border be-  
20 tween the United States and Mexico, including bor-  
21 der State governors, mayors of border towns and cit-  
22 ies, and border sheriffs,” before “shall”.

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