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S. 2444

To establish a minimum staffing level of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers along the northern border, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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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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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border Officers Utili-
5 zation for National Defense Act of 2019” or the “BOUND
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION**
2 **STAFFING ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning on the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
5 and Border Protection shall ensure that not fewer than
6 the maximum number of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
7 tection officers deployed along the international border be-
8 tween the United States and Canada (referred to in this
9 Act as the “northern border”) at any time between Janu-
10 ary 1, 2016 and the date of the enactment of this Act
11 are always deployed along the northern border, including
12 ports of entry along the northern border.

13 (b) **LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS.**—The Commissioner
14 of U.S. Customs and Border Protection may not transfer
15 any U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer away
16 from an assignment along the northern border if such
17 transfer would reduce the number of such officers as-
18 signed to the northern border below the level required
19 under subsection (a).

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