

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3525, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3525

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2019

Ms. UNDERWOOD 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 the “U.S. Border Patrol  
5 Medical Screening Standards Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH REGARDING PROVISION OF MEDICAL**  
2 **SCREENING OF INDIVIDUALS INTERDICTED**  
3 **BY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION**  
4 **BETWEEN PORTS OF ENTRY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
7 land Security, acting through the Under Secretary for  
8 Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland  
9 Security, in coordination with the Commissioner of U.S.  
10 Customs and Border Protection and the Chief Medical Of-  
11 ficer of the Department, shall research innovative ap-  
12 proaches to address capability gaps regarding the provi-  
13 sion of comprehensive medical screening of individuals,  
14 particularly children, pregnant women, the elderly, and  
15 other vulnerable populations, interdicted by U.S. Customs  
16 and Border Protection between ports of entry and issue  
17 to the Secretary recommendations for any necessary cor-  
18 rective actions.

19 (b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the research  
20 required under subsection (a), the Under Secretary for  
21 Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland  
22 Security shall consult with appropriate national profes-  
23 sional associations with expertise and non-governmental  
24 experts in emergency, nursing, and other medical care, in-  
25 cluding pediatric care.

1 (c) REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security  
2 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of  
3 the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
4 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
5 ate a report containing the recommendations referred to  
6 in subsection (a), together with information relating to  
7 what actions, if any, the Secretary plans to take in re-  
8 sponse to such recommendations.

9 **SEC. 3. ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS IMPLEMENTATION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Information  
12 Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, in co-  
13 ordination with the Chief Medical Officer of the Depart-  
14 ment, shall establish within the Department an electronic  
15 health record system that can be accessed by all depart-  
16 mental components operating along the borders of the  
17 United States for individuals in the custody of such com-  
18 ponents.

19 (b) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 120 days after the  
20 implementation of the electronic health records system,  
21 the Chief Information Officer, in coordination with the  
22 Chief Medical Officer, shall conduct an assessment of such  
23 system to determine system capacity for improvement and  
24 interoperability.