

1-1 By: Blanco S.B. No. 2601
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Border Security;
1-4 April 16, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 16, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Birdwell	X			
1-10	Flores	X			
1-11	Eckhardt	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			

1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2601 By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the landowner compensation program.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Article 56C.001(2), Code of Criminal Procedure,
1-20 is amended to read as follows:

1-21 (2) "Border crime" means conduct:

1-22 (A) constituting an offense under:

1-23 (i) Subchapter D, Chapter 481, Health and
1-24 Safety Code;

1-25 (ii) Section 20.05, 20.06, or 38.04, Penal
1-26 Code; or

1-27 (iii) Chapter 20A, Penal Code; and

1-28 (B) involving transnational criminal activity.

1-29 SECTION 2. Article 56C.003, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
1-30 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (b-1),
1-31 (c-1), and (e) to read as follows:

1-32 (a) From money appropriated for the purpose, the attorney
1-33 general shall establish and administer a program to compensate
1-34 landowners and lessees who suffer real property damage on
1-35 agricultural land caused by:

1-36 (1) a trespasser as a result of an offense under
1-37 Chapter 28, Penal Code, that was committed in the course of or in
1-38 furtherance of a border crime; or

1-39 (2) a law enforcement response to a trespasser who was
1-40 engaged in a border crime.

1-41 (b-1) For purposes of Subsection (a), damage caused to
1-42 agricultural land includes any debris, pollutants, or contaminants
1-43 left on the land during the applicable incident, and compensation
1-44 awarded under this article may include an amount necessary to clean
1-45 debris, pollutants, or contaminants.

1-46 (c-1) The attorney general may not award compensation under
1-47 this article to a lessee for real property damage caused by a
1-48 trespasser described by Subsection (a)(1) unless the lessee
1-49 provides a notarized statement from the landowner authorizing the
1-50 lessee to directly receive compensation awarded under this article
1-51 for the damage.

1-52 (e) On request by the attorney general and not later than
1-53 the 14th business day after the date of the request, a law
1-54 enforcement agency shall release to the attorney general all
1-55 reports, including witness statements and criminal history record
1-56 information, to allow the attorney general to determine whether a
1-57 person qualifies for an award of compensation under this article
1-58 and the extent of the damage.

1-59 SECTION 3. Section 2251.052, Insurance Code, is amended by
1-60 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

SECTION 4. Section 2251.052(a-1), Insurance Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an insurance policy that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026. A policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2026, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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