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To prohibit the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of funds to provide emergency assistance at the southern border of the United States resulting from the repeal of certain public health orders, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, 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 _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS BY DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE**
3 **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AT THE SOUTHERN**
4 **BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES RESULTING**
5 **FROM THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC**
6 **HEALTH ORDERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
8 may not obligate or expend any amounts to provide emer-
9 gency assistance in response to an emergency at the south-
10 ern border directly resulting from the repeal of an order
11 specified in subsection (b).

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

14 (1) The Order issued by the Director of the
15 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Au-
16 gust 2, 2021, entitled “Public Health Reassessment
17 and Order Suspending the Right To Introduce Cer-
18 tain Persons From Countries Where a Quarantin-
19 able Communicable Disease Exists” (86 Fed. Reg.
20 42828).

21 (2) The Order issued by the Director of the
22 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on April
23 1, 2022, entitled “Public Health Determination and
24 Order Regarding Suspending the Right To Intro-
25 duce Certain Persons From Countries Where a

1 Quarantinable Communicable Disease Exists” (87
2 Fed. Reg. 19941).

3 (3) An order relating to the same public health
4 concern as an order specified in paragraph (1) or
5 (2).

6 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
7 tion shall be construed to prevent the Secretary from obli-
8 gating or expending amounts to provide emergency assist-
9 ance at the southern border that is not described in sub-
10 section (a).