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To require the designation of certain airports as ports of entry.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
 4 This Act may be cited as the "Border Airport Fair5 ness Act of 2025".
- 6 SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AIRPORTS AS PORTS OF
- 7 ENTRY.
- 8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall—
- 9 (1) pursuant to the Act of August 1, 1914 (38
- 10 Stat. 623, chapter 223; 19 U.S.C. 2), designate each

1	airport described in subsection (b) as a port of
2	entry; and
3	(2) terminate the application of the user fee re-
4	quirement under section 236 of the Trade and Tar-
5	iff Act of 1984 (19 U.S.C. 58b) with respect to the
6	airport.
7	(b) AIRPORTS DESCRIBED.—An airport described in
8	this subsection is an airport that—
9	(1) is a primary airport (as defined in section
10	47102 of title 49, United States Code);
11	(2) is located not more than 30 miles from the
12	northern or southern international land border of
13	the United States;
14	(3) is associated, through a formal, legal instru-
15	ment, including a valid contract or governmental or-
16	dinance, with a land border crossing or a seaport not
17	more than 30 miles from the airport; and
18	(4) through such association, meets the numer-
19	ical criteria considered by U.S. Customs and Border
20	Protection for establishing a port of entry, as set
21	forth in—
22	(A) Treasury Decision 82–37 (47 Fed.
23	Reg. 10137; relating to revision of customs cri-
24	teria for establishing ports of entry and sta-
25	tions), as revised by Treasury Decisions 86–14

- 1 (51 Fed. Reg. 4559) and 87–65 (52 Fed. Reg.
- 2 16328); or
- 3 (B) any successor guidance or regulation.

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