

1-1 By: Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 180  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2025;  
1-3 May 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Border  
1-4 Security; May 20, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 1; May 20, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Birdwell	X			
1-9 Flores	X			
1-10 Eckhardt		X		
1-11 Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-12 Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to border protection agreements between this state and the  
1-16 United Mexican States.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 ARTICLE 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDING

1-19 SECTION 1.01. (a) The legislature, acting with the  
1-20 governor, has the solemn duty to protect and defend the citizens of  
1-21 this state and maintain sovereignty over this state's borders.

1-22 (b) An individual entering this state from a foreign country  
1-23 shall enter through a legal port of entry.

1-24 ARTICLE 2. BORDER PROTECTION AGREEMENTS

1-25 SECTION 2.01. Title 7, Government Code, is amended by  
1-26 adding Chapter 795 to read as follows:

1-27 CHAPTER 795. BORDER PROTECTION AGREEMENTS WITH UNITED MEXICAN  
1-28 STATES

1-29 Sec. 795.001. AUTHORITY FOR AGREEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENT WITH  
1-30 AUTHORITIES OF UNITED MEXICAN STATES. (a) On behalf of this state,  
1-31 the governor may coordinate, develop, and execute agreements with  
1-32 the United Mexican States and the states of the United Mexican  
1-33 States enhancing the authority of this state to protect and defend  
1-34 its citizens.

1-35 (b) The governor may appoint one or more individuals  
1-36 responsible for meeting in person with the appropriate local,  
1-37 state, and federal authorities of the United Mexican States to  
1-38 coordinate, develop, and execute agreements under Subsection (a).  
1-39 An individual appointed under this subsection:

1-40 (1) may operate within the United Mexican States as  
1-41 practicable; and

1-42 (2) is subject to Chapter 572 in the same manner as if  
1-43 the individual were a state employee.

1-44 ARTICLE 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

1-45 SECTION 3.01. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
1-46 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
1-47 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
1-48 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
1-49 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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