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Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick: Statement on the Filing of Senate Bill 2424 – State Authority to Enforce Our Border

AUSTIN - Today, Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, filed Senate Bill 2424. Upon Sen. Birdwell filing the bill, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued the following statement:

“The Texas Senate’s dedication to securing our southern border is unwavering, and our commitment is exhibited by the \$4 billion in our base budget to continue Operation Lone Star. In addition, Sen. Brian Birdwell has filed SB 2424 so the State of Texas is empowered to truly protect our border, as the Federal Government has completely abdicated its constitutional responsibility.

“Sen. Birdwell’s bill creates a new state crime for entering Texas illegally. SB 2424 authorizes Texas law enforcement to arrest and prosecute all people who cross the border illegally *anywhere* in Texas. Punishment starts with up to 1 year in jail for a first-time offender, two years in state jail for a second-time offender and up to life in prison for convicted felons who illegally cross the border.”

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