

# *U.S. lawmakers pass anti-protest legislation*

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Washington, April 22 (RHC)-- In the United States, Republican lawmakers around the country continue to push bills cracking down on protests. Legislators in Oklahoma and Iowa passed bills giving immunity to drivers who hit demonstrators with their cars.

Meanwhile, a Florida nonprofit on Wednesday sued Governor Ron DeSantis after he signed sweeping so-called anti-riot legislation. Among other things, it bars local governments from cutting police budgets without state approval and raises penalties on demonstrators accused of a crime, including damage to

historical monuments or statues.

Over 80 anti-protest bills in at least 34 states have been introduced this legislative year — over twice as many than in any other year.

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