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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for inadmissibility for certain aliens seeking citizenship for children by giving birth in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2021

Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ban Birth Tourism
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY FOR ALIENS SEEKING CITIZEN-**
2 **SHIP FOR CHILDREN BY GIVING BIRTH IN**
3 **THE UNITED STATES.**

4 Section 212(a)(10) of the Immigration and Nation-
5 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(10)) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 “(F) ALIENS SEEKING CITIZENSHIP FOR
8 CHILDREN BY GIVING BIRTH IN THE UNITED
9 STATES.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Any alien seeking
11 admission as a nonimmigrant under sec-
12 tion 101(a)(15)(B) for the primary pur-
13 pose of obtaining United States citizenship
14 for a child by giving birth to the child in
15 the United States is inadmissible.

16 “(ii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—
17 Nothing in this subparagraph may be con-
18 strued to render inadmissible an alien
19 seeking legitimate medical treatment relat-
20 ing to childbirth if obtaining citizenship for
21 the child is not the primary purpose for
22 seeking admission.”.

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