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H. R. 1312

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien who has been convicted of a crime is ineligible for asylum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. MACE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SELF, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, and Mr. OGLES) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “No Asylum for Crimi-
5 nals Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALIENS CONVICTED OF CRIMES INELIGIBLE FOR**
2 **ASYLUM.**

3 Clause (ii) of section 208(b)(2) of the Immigration
4 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended—

5 (1) by amending clause (ii) of subparagraph (A)
6 to read as follows:

7 “(ii) except as provided in subpara-
8 graph (B), the alien has been finally con-
9 victed of a felony or misdemeanor;”;

10 (2) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as
11 follows:

12 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of
13 Homeland Security may designate by regulation
14 political offenses committed outside the United
15 States that will be not considered to be a crime
16 described in clause (ii). The authority under
17 this subparagraph is limited to political offenses
18 committed outside the United States.”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(E) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

21 “(i) The term ‘felony’ means—

22 “(I) any crime defined as a fel-
23 ony by the relevant jurisdiction (Fed-
24 eral, State, tribal, or local) of convic-
25 tion; or

1 “(II) any crime punishable by
2 more than one year of imprisonment.

3 “(ii) The term ‘misdemeanor’
4 means—

5 “(I) any crime defined as a mis-
6 demeanor by the relevant jurisdiction
7 (Federal, State, tribal, or local) of
8 conviction; or

9 “(II) any crime not punishable
10 by more than one year of imprison-
11 ment.”.

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