

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1958

AN ACT

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify that aliens who have been convicted of defrauding the United States Government or the unlawful receipt of public benefits are inadmissible and deportable.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Deporting Fraudsters
3 Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED**
5 **TO DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES GOV-**
6 **ERNMENT OR THE UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OF**
7 **PUBLIC BENEFITS.**

8 (a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) of the Im-
9 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(J) DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES
12 GOVERNMENT OR THE UNLAWFUL RECEIPT OF
13 PUBLIC BENEFITS.—Any alien who has been
14 convicted of, who admits having committed, or
15 who admits committing acts which constitute
16 the essential elements of—

17 “(i) an offense described in section 15
18 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
19 U.S.C. 2024) (relating to violations of
20 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-
21 gram benefits);

22 “(ii) an offense described in section
23 208 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
24 408) (relating to fraud involving social se-
25 curity account numbers or social security
26 cards);

1 “(iii) an offense described in section
2 666 of title 18, United States Code (relat-
3 ing to theft or bribery concerning pro-
4 grams receiving Federal funds);

5 “(iv) an offense described in section
6 1028 of title 18, United States Code (re-
7 lating to fraud and related activity in con-
8 nection with identification documents, au-
9 thentication features, and information);

10 “(v) an offense described in section
11 1031 of title 18, United States Code (re-
12 lating to major fraud against the United
13 States);

14 “(vi) an offense described under chap-
15 ter 63 of title 18, United States Code (re-
16 lating to mail fraud and other fraud of-
17 fenses);

18 “(vii) an offense described in section
19 371 of title 18, United States Code (relat-
20 ing to conspiracy to commit offense or to
21 defraud United States);

22 “(viii) any other offense that involves
23 defrauding the United States Government
24 or the unlawful receipt of a Federal public
25 benefit (as such term is defined in section

401(c) of the Personal Responsibility and
 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1611) or a State or local
 public benefit (as such term is defined in
 section 411(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
 1621)); or

“(ix) a conspiracy to commit an of-
 fense described in clause (i) through (viii),
 is inadmissible.”.

(b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) of the Im-
 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is
 amended by adding at the end the following:

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7 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1611)) or a State or local
8 public benefit (as such term is defined in
9 section 411(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
10 1621)); or

11 “(ix) a conspiracy to commit an of-
12 fense described in clause (i) through (viii),
13 is deportable.”.

14 (c) INELIGIBILITY FOR ANY IMMIGRATION RELIEF.—
15 Any alien described in subparagraph (J) of section
16 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
17 U.S.C. 1128(a)(2)(J)) or subparagraph (G) of section
18 237(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
19 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) shall be ineligible for any relief under
20 the immigration laws (as such term is defined in section
21 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
22 1101)), including under section 2242 of the Omnibus Con-

1 consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations
2 Act, 1999 (112 Stat. 2681).

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Attest:

Clerk.

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