

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3242

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide additional criminal penalties for aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States and are convicted of crimes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2025

Mr. KNOTT (for himself, Mr. FRY, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. ONDER, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. BARR, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. COLLINS, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. ROY, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. MAST, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. JACK, Mr. HUNT, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, and Mr. DOWNING) 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 “Punishing Illegal Im-
5 migrant Felons Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION OF CRIMES BY ALIENS UNLAWFULLY**
2 **PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) COMMISSION OF CRIMES BY ALIENS WHO IM-
4 PROPERLY ENTER.—Section 275 of the Immigration and
5 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2 years” and
7 inserting “5 years”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(e) Any alien who improperly enters the United
10 States, as described in subsection (a), and is subsequently
11 convicted of any crime punishable by more than one year
12 of imprisonment shall, in addition to the punishment pro-
13 vided for such conviction, be imprisoned for not less than
14 5 years.”.

15 (b) COMMISSION OF CRIMES BY ALIENS PREVIOUSLY
16 REMOVED.—Section 276 of the Immigration and Nation-
17 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2 years” and
19 inserting “10 years”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1)—

22 (i) by striking “or a felony (other
23 than an aggravated felony),”; and

24 (ii) by striking “10 years” and insert-
25 ing “15 years”; and

1 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(2) whose removal was subsequent to a conviction for commission of—

4 “(A) any aggravated felony;

5 “(B) any crime defined as a felony by the
6 relevant jurisdiction (Federal, State, tribal, or
7 local) of conviction; or

8 “(C) any crime punishable by more than
9 one year of imprisonment,
10 such alien shall be imprisoned not less than 10 years
11 and fined under title 18, United States Code;”.

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