

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8240

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit return to a
county of concern with an asylum application.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2026

Mr. TIFFANY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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return to a county of concern with an asylum application.

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 “Stopping Asylum
5 Fraudsters Enforcement and Removal Act of 2026” or the
6 “SAFER Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RETURN TO COUNTRY OF CON-**
2 **CERN FOR ASYLUM APPLICATIONS.**

3 Section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(f) PROHIBITION ON RETURN TO COUNTRY OF CON-
7 CERN.—

8 “(1) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Home-
9 land Security or the Attorney General may not grant
10 asylum to an alien who has returned to a country of
11 concern.

12 “(2) EFFECT ON STATUS.—An alien who has
13 been granted asylum and returns to a country of
14 concern shall be subject to termination of a grant of
15 asylum, denaturalization, and is subject to any ap-
16 plicable grounds of inadmissibility or deportability
17 under section 212(a) and 237(a).

18 “(3) EXCEPTION.—Paragraphs (1) and (2) may
19 be waived by the Secretary of Homeland Security or
20 the Attorney General, as applicable, on a case-by-
21 case basis if—

22 “(A) the President certifies that the indi-
23 vidual is permitted to travel for national secu-
24 rity purposes; or

1 “(B) the Secretary of State certifies that
2 the country of concern has undergone a legiti-
3 mate transfer of power.

4 “(4) COUNTRY OF CONCERN DEFINED.—In this
5 section, the term ‘country of concern’ means the
6 alien’s country of nationality or, in the case of a per-
7 son having no nationality, the country of the alien’s
8 last habitual residence for which the alien applied
9 for asylum pursuant to this section.”.

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