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H. R. 9662

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose limits on birthright citizenship for aliens and illegal migrants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2026

Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mrs. BICE, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. BURCHETT) 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 “Birthright Citizenship
5 Limits for Aliens and Illegal Migrants Act of 2026” or
6 as the “Birthright CLAIM Act of 2026”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTIONS TO CITIZENSHIP AT BIRTH.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(a) of the Immigra-
9 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401(a)) is amended
10 by inserting after “, and subject to the jurisdiction there-

1 of” the following: “, except in the case of a person born
2 to parents who, at the time of such birth, are both not
3 citizens or nationals of the United States, and at least one
4 of whom was unlawfully present in the United States, or
5 present in a lawful status other than lawful permanent
6 residency”.

7 (b) OUTSIDE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS.—Section
8 301(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
9 1401(g)) is amended, by striking “for a period or periods
10 totaling not less than five years, at least two of which were
11 after attaining the age of fourteen years” and inserting
12 “for a period or periods totaling not less than 10 years,
13 at least 4 of which were after attaining the age of 14
14 years, and 3 of which were in the 5 year period imme-
15 diately preceding the birth of such person”.

16 **SEC. 3. PATERNITY VERIFICATION.**

17 Chapter 1 of title III of the Immigration and Nation-
18 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding
19 at the end the following:

20 **“SEC. 309A. PATERNITY VERIFICATION.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If a person is born in the United
22 States to a mother who is not lawfully present in the
23 United States, and such person is alleged to be a citizen
24 at birth under this chapter pursuant to section 301(a) by
25 reason of the father being a United States national or an

1 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, such per-
2 son shall not be considered a citizen of the United States
3 at birth until biological paternity by the father is deter-
4 mined according to a DNA test in accordance with this
5 section.

6 “(b) DNA TESTING.—A DNA test for purposes of
7 subsection (a) shall be conducted by a laboratory accred-
8 ited by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in
9 coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to
10 conduct verification of paternity by DNA. The cost of such
11 testing shall be born by the parents or legal guardians of
12 the person alleged to be a citizen at birth.

13 “(c) NO CITIZENSHIP PENDING VERIFICATION.—No
14 agency or department of the Federal Government may
15 issue a passport, certificate of citizenship, social security
16 number, or other document premised on the United States
17 citizenship of a person described in subsection (a) until
18 verification of paternity through DNA testing has been es-
19 tablished.”.

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