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To disqualify aliens from establishing good moral character, maintaining eligibility for asylum, and retaining lawful permanent resident status if they engage in activities in opposition to the United States Constitution, our form of government, or support Sharia law.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2026

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

To disqualify aliens from establishing good moral character, maintaining eligibility for asylum, and retaining lawful permanent resident status if they engage in activities in opposition to the United States Constitution, our form of government, or support Sharia law.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.

This Act may be cited as the ''Ban Outsiders Openly Touting Sharia Law Act'' or the ''BOOT Sharia Law Act''.

SEC. 2. BARS TO GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR PROTESTING AGAINST THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, OR SUPPORTING SHARIA LAW.

Section 101(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)), is amended—

(1) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

''(2) an alien who—

''(A) adheres to, or has adhered to, Sharia law, or advocates, or has advocated for, the imposition or enforcement of Sharia law in a manner that would violate the rights of another person under the Constitution of the United States or under any Federal or State law; or

''(B) demonstrates, protests, riots, or participates in any demonstration, protest, riot, or other organized or ad hoc activity expressing or indicating support for any individual, entity, organization, group, or country that—

''(i) is designated as a state sponsor of terrorism pursuant to section 219(a);

''(ii) has carried out terrorist acts against the United States or members of the United States Armed Forces; or

''(iii) opposes the form of government, the Constitution, or the principles of the United States;''.

SEC. 3. BARS TO ASYLUM AND LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR ASYLEES AND REFUGEES SUPPORTING SHARIA LAW OR PROTESTS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

(a) DEFINITION OF REFUGEE.—Section 101(a)(42) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(42)), is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B), as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

(2) by striking ''(42) The term 'refugee' means'' and inserting the following:

''(42) REFUGEE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'refugee' means'';

(3) by striking ''The term 'refugee' does not include'' and inserting the following:

''(B) PERSECUTOR BAR.—The term 'refugee' does not include''; and

(4) by inserting before ''For purposes of'' the following:

"(C) JIHADIST BAR.—The term 'refugee' does not include any alien who used force, coercion, violence, or terror—

"(i) to enforce Islamic values or Sharia law;

"(ii) to enforce conversions to Islam;

"(iii) to achieve an Islamist political goal; or

"(iv) to establish Islam as the state religion.

"(D) PRESUMPTIONS.—".

(b) ASYLUM.—Section 208(b)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (v), by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in clause (vi), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(vii) there are reasonable grounds to believe the alien adheres to, or has adhered to, Sharia law, or advocates, or has advocated, for the imposition or enforcement of Sharia law in a manner that would violate the rights of another person under the

Constitution of the United States or any Federal or State law; or

''(viii) there are reasonable grounds to believe the alien has used coercion, force violence, or terror against another person—

''(I) to enforce Islamic values or Sharia law;

''(II) to enforce conversions to Islam;

''(III) to achieve an Islamist political goal; or

''(IV) to establish Islam as the state religion.''.

(c) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF REFUGEES.—Section 209 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1159), is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking ''Any alien'' and inserting ''Except as provided in subsection (d), any alien''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(d) An alien who has been admitted to the United States as a refugee under section 207 or granted asylum under section 208 is not eligible for adjustment of his or her status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for perma-

nent residence under this section if the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General have reasonable grounds to believe such alien—

''(1) after admission, continues to adhere to, or has adhered to, Sharia law, or advocates or has advocated for the imposition or enforcement of Sharia law in a manner that would violate the rights of another person under the Constitution of the United States or under any Federal or State law; or

''(2) after admission, has used coercion, force, violence, or terror against another person—

''(A) to enforce Islamic values or Sharia law;

''(B) to enforce conversions to Islam;

''(C) to achieve an Islamist political goal; or

''(D) to establish Islam as the state religion.''.

SEC. 4. RESCISSION OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR ALIENS SUPPORTING SHARIA LAW OR PROTESTING AGAINST THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Section 246(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1256) is amended to read as follows:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—

''(1) GROUNDS FOR RESCISSION.—If, at any time during the 10-year period beginning on the date on which the status of an alien is adjusted under the provisions of section 245 or 249 or under any other provision of law to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General determine that such alien—

''(A) was not eligible for such adjustment of status; or

''(B) participated in any demonstration, protest, riot, or other organized or ad hoc activity expressing or indicating support for any individual, entity, organization, group, or country that—

''(i) is designated as a state sponsor of terrorism under section 219(a);

''(ii) has carried out terrorist acts against the United States or members of the United States Armed Forces; or

''(iii) opposes the form of government, the Constitution, or the principles of the United States,

the Attorney General shall rescind the action taken granting an adjustment of status to such alien and cancelling his or her removal, if applicable, and such alien shall thereafter be subject to all provisions of this chapter to the same extent as if such adjustment of status had not been made

''(2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to require the Attorney General to rescind the alien's status before the commencement of procedures to remove the alien under section 240, and an order of removal issued by an immigration judge shall be sufficient to rescind the alien's status.''.

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