

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 4891

To require defendants indicted for certain crimes relating to fraud to surrender their passports as a condition of pretrial release, and for other purposes.

---

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2026

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

---

## A BILL

To require defendants indicted for certain crimes relating to fraud to surrender their passports as a condition of pretrial release, and for other purposes.

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 “Preventing Fugitive  
5 Fraudsters Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE FOR CERTAIN INDICT-**  
7 **MENTS.**

8 Section 3142(c)(1)(B) of title 18, United States  
9 Code, is amended—

1           (1) in clause (xiii), by striking “and” at the  
2           end;

3           (2) by redesignating clause (xiv) as clause (xv);  
4           and

5           (3) by inserting after clause (xiii) the following:

6                   “(xiv) in the case of an indictment  
7                   under section 666, 1343, 1956, or 1957,  
8                   surrender any passport or passport card  
9                   belonging to the person and abstain from  
10                  international travel, unless a judicial offi-  
11                  cer issues specific written findings of fact  
12                  that the surrender of the passport or pass-  
13                  port card or the prohibition on travel is  
14                  unnecessary to assure the appearance of  
15                  the person; and”.

○