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H. R. 1384

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a telephone reporting system to permit certain individuals traveling by boat to enter the United States from Canada without applying for admission at a port of entry.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McHUGH 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. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL**
4 **BOATERS ENTERING FROM CANADA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title II of the Immi-
6 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(1) registers by telephone with the Attorney
11 General as soon as practicable upon landing in the
12 United States; and

15 “(A) at the time of such entry and at the
16 time of such registration, in the case of an indi-
17 vidual described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-
18 section (c); or

23 “(b) REGISTRATION.—Telephonic registration under
24 subsection (a) with respect to an individual shall be ac-

1 complished by the individual’s providing the Attorney Gen-
2 eral with the following information:

3 “(1) The name of the individual.

4 “(2) Sufficient identifying information (as spec-
5 ified by the Attorney General in regulations), con-
6 tained in a document issued by a State, the Govern-
7 ment of the United States, or a national or provin-
8 cial Canadian governmental authority, to prove that
9 the individual is a United States citizen, a lawful
10 permanent resident of the United States, a Cana-
11 dian national, or a resident of Canada, other than
12 a Canadian national, having a common nationality
13 with Canadians.

14 “(3) The name of the owner of the pleasure
15 craft on which the entry was made.

16 “(4) The name of the operator of the pleasure
17 craft, if different from the name of the owner.

18 “(5) The license number of the pleasure craft,
19 if such a license is otherwise required by any govern-
20 ment authority with respect to the pleasure craft.

21 “(c) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An individual re-
22 ferred to in subsection (a) is any of the following:

23 “(1) A United States citizen.

24 “(2) A lawful permanent resident of the United
25 States.

1 “(3) An individual who—

2 “(A) enters the United States as a tem-
3 porary visitor for pleasure;

4 “(B) intends to remain in the United
5 States—

6 “(i) for a period not to exceed 72
7 hours; and

8 “(ii) in areas adjacent to the imme-
9 diate shore area of the United States, such
10 as nearby shopping areas, residential
11 neighborhoods, or similar areas; and

12 “(C) is—

13 “(i) a Canadian national; or

14 “(ii) a resident of Canada, other than
15 a Canadian national, having a common na-
16 tionality with Canadians.

17 “(d) REGISTRATION NUMBER.—Upon registering an
18 individual under this section, the Attorney General shall
19 assign to the registration a unique identifying number and
20 shall provide the number to the individual for use in any
21 future interactions between them with respect to the reg-
22 istration.

23 “(e) ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLL-FREE NUMBER.—
24 The Attorney General—

1 “(1) acting alone or in conjunction with the
2 Secretary of the Treasury, shall establish a toll-free
3 telephone number that may be used by individuals
4 for the purpose of registering under this section; or

5 “(2) shall permit such registration through an
6 existing toll-free number established by the Sec-
7 retary of the Treasury.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
9 of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by in-
10 serting after the item relating to section 244 the following:

“Sec. 244A. Treatment of certain recreational boaters entering from Canada.”.

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