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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act by striking marijuana use, possession, and distribution as grounds of inadmissibility and removal.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Removing Marijuana
5 from Deportable Offenses Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STRIKING MARIJUANA USE, POSSESSION, AND DIS-**
7 **TRIBUTION AS GROUNDS FOR INADMIS-**
8 **SIBILITY AND REMOVAL.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Immigration and Nationality
10 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 101(a)(43)(B) (8 U.S.C.
 2 1101(a)(43)(B)), by inserting “other than the dis-
 3 tribution of marijuana,” after “(as defined in section
 4 102 of the Controlled Substances Act)”;

5 (2) in section 212(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)),
 6 by amending subparagraph (F) to read as follows:

7 “(F) MARIJUANA OFFENSES.—Notwith-
 8 standing any other provision of this section, any
 9 offenses involving the use, possession, or dis-
 10 tribution of marijuana shall not be considered
 11 as grounds of inadmissibility.”; and

12 (3) in section 237(a)(2)(B)(i) (8 U.S.C.
 13 1227(a)(2)(B)(i)), by striking “other than a single
 14 offense involving possession for one’s own use of 30
 15 grams or less of marijuana” and inserting “other
 16 than offenses involving the use, possession, or dis-
 17 tribution of marijuana”.

18 (b) RIGHT TO REAPPLY OR RETURN.—

19 (1) REAPPLICATION.—Any alien who was pre-
 20 viously denied a visa to enter the United States as
 21 a direct result of the alien’s use, possession, or dis-
 22 tribution of marijuana may reapply for admission to
 23 the United States.

24 (2) REISSUANCE.—Any alien who was deported
 25 from the United States as a direct result of the

1 alien's use, possession, or distribution of marijuana
2 shall be readmitted to the United States and re-
3 issued the visa that they had at the time of the
4 alien's deportation if the alien is not inadmissible
5 under section 212(a) of the Immigration and Na-
6 tionality Act, as amended by subsection (a)(2).

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