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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

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Mr. CORNYN 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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ban Outsiders Openly
5 Touting Sharia Law Act” or the “BOOT Sharia Law
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BARS TO GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR PRO-**
2 **TESTING AGAINST THE UNITED STATES CON-**
3 **STITUTION, OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, OR**
4 **SUPPORTING SHARIA LAW.**

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

7 (1) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(2) an alien who—

10 “(A) adheres to, or has adhered to, Sharia
11 law, or advocates, or has advocated for, the im-
12 position or enforcement of Sharia law in a man-
13 ner that would violate the rights of another per-
14 son under the Constitution of the United States
15 or under any Federal or State law; or

16 “(B) demonstrates, protests, riots, or par-
17 ticipates in any demonstration, protest, riot, or
18 other organized or ad hoc activity expressing or
19 indicating support for any individual, entity, or-
20 ganization, group, or country that—

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

23 “(ii) has carried out terrorist acts
24 against the United States or members of
25 the United States Armed Forces; or

1 “(iii) opposes the form of government,
2 the Constitution, or the principles of the
3 United States;”.

4 **SEC. 3. BARS TO ASYLUM AND LAWFUL PERMANENT RESI-**
5 **DENCE FOR ASYLEES AND REFUGEES SUP-**
6 **PORTING SHARIA LAW OR PROTESTS**
7 **AGAINST THE UNITED STATES CONSTITU-**
8 **TION OR FORM OF GOVERNMENT.**

9 (a) DEFINITION OF REFUGEE.—Section 101(a)(42)
10 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
11 1101(a)(42)), is amended—

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

14 (2) by striking “(42) The term ‘refugee’
15 means” and inserting the following:

16 “(42) REFUGEE.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘refugee’
18 means”;

19 (3) by striking “The term ‘refugee’ does not in-
20 clude” and inserting the following:

21 “(B) PERSECUTOR BAR.—The term ‘ref-
22 ugee’ does not include”; and

23 (4) by inserting before “For purposes of” the
24 following:

1 “(C) JIHADIST BAR.—The term ‘refugee’
2 does not include any alien who used force, coer-
3 cion, violence, or terror—

4 “(i) to enforce Islamic values or
5 Sharia law;

6 “(ii) to enforce conversions to Islam;

7 “(iii) to achieve an Islamist political
8 goal; or

9 “(iv) to establish Islam as the state
10 religion.

11 “(D) PRESUMPTIONS.—”.

12 (b) ASYLUM.—Section 208(b)(2)(A) of the Immigra-
13 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(A)) is
14 amended—

15 (1) in clause (v), by striking “or” at the end;

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

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(vii) there are reasonable grounds to
20 believe the alien adheres to, or has adhered
21 to, Sharia law, or advocates, or has advo-
22 cated, for the imposition or enforcement of
23 Sharia law in a manner that would violate
24 the rights of another person under the

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

3 “(viii) there are reasonable grounds to
4 believe the alien has used coercion, force
5 violence, or terror against another per-
6 son—

7 “(I) to enforce Islamic values or
8 Sharia law;

9 “(II) to enforce conversions to
10 Islam;

11 “(III) to achieve an Islamist po-
12 litical goal; or

13 “(IV) to establish Islam as the
14 state religion.”.

15 (c) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF REFUGEES.—Sec-
16 tion 209 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1159), is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Any alien”
19 and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (d),
20 any alien”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

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

1 nent residence under this section if the Secretary of
 2 Homeland Security or the Attorney General have reason-
 3 able grounds to believe such alien—

4 “(1) after admission, continues to adhere to, or
 5 has adhered to, Sharia law, or advocates or has ad-
 6 vocated for the imposition or enforcement of Sharia
 7 law in a manner that would violate the rights of an-
 8 other person under the Constitution of the United
 9 States or under any Federal or State law; or

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

12 “(A) to enforce Islamic values or Sharia
 13 law;

14 “(B) to enforce conversions to Islam;

15 “(C) to achieve an Islamist political goal;

16 or

17 “(D) to establish Islam as the state reli-
 18 gion.”.

19 **SEC. 4. RESCISSION OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT**
 20 **STATUS FOR ALIENS SUPPORTING SHARIA**
 21 **LAW OR PROTESTING AGAINST THE UNITED**
 22 **STATES CONSTITUTION OR FORM OF GOV-**
 23 **ERNMENT.**

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

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

2 “(1) GROUNDS FOR RESCISSION.—If, at any
3 time during the 10-year period beginning on the
4 date on which the status of an alien is adjusted
5 under the provisions of section 245 or 249 or under
6 any other provision of law to that of an alien law-
7 fully admitted for permanent residence, the Sec-
8 retary of Homeland Security or the Attorney Gen-
9 eral determine that such alien—

10 “(A) was not eligible for such adjustment
11 of status; or

12 “(B) participated in any demonstration,
13 protest, riot, or other organized or ad hoc activ-
14 ity expressing or indicating support for any in-
15 dividual, entity, organization, group, or country
16 that—

17 “(i) is designated as a state sponsor
18 of terrorism under section 219(a);

19 “(ii) has carried out terrorist acts
20 against the United States or members of
21 the United States Armed Forces; or

22 “(iii) opposes the form of government,
23 the Constitution, or the principles of the
24 United States,

1 the Attorney General shall rescind the action
2 taken granting an adjustment of status to such
3 alien and cancelling his or her removal, if appli-
4 cable, and such alien shall thereafter be subject
5 to all provisions of this chapter to the same ex-
6 tent as if such adjustment of status had not
7 been made

8 “(2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this sub-
9 section may be construed to require the Attorney
10 General to rescind the alien’s status before the com-
11 mencement of procedures to remove the alien under
12 section 240, and an order of removal issued by an
13 immigration judge shall be sufficient to rescind the
14 alien’s status.”.

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