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H. R. 3486

[Report No. 119–200]

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally enter and reenter the United States after being removed, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2025

Mrs. BICE (for herself, Mr. KNOTT, Mr. ZINKE, and Mr. SCHMIDT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 15, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. GILL of Texas and Mrs. LUNA

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 19, 2025]

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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 “Stop Illegal Entry Act*
5 *of 2025”.*

6 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION OF CRIMES BY ALIENS UNLAWFULLY**
7 **PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

8 *Section 275 of the Immigration and Nationality Act*
9 *(8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended—*

10 *(1) in subsection (a), by striking “2 years” and*
11 *inserting “5 years”; and*

12 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

13 *“(e) Any alien—*

14 *“(1) who—*

15 *“(A) enters or attempts to enter the United*
16 *States at any time or place other than as des-*
17 *ignated by immigration officers,*

18 *“(B) eludes examination or inspection by*
19 *immigration officers, or*

20 *“(C) attempts to enter or obtains entry to*
21 *the United States by a willfully false or mis-*
22 *leading representation or the willful concealment*
23 *of a material fact, and*

24 *“(2) thereafter is convicted of any crime punish-*
25 *able by more than 1 year of imprisonment,*

1 *may be fined under title 18, United States Code, and shall*
 2 *be imprisoned not less than 5 years and may be imprisoned*
 3 *for any term of years or for life.”.*

4 **SEC. 3. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR REENTRY OF REMOVED**
 5 **ALIEN.**

6 *Section 276 of the Immigration and Nationality Act*
 7 *(8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended—*

8 *(1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as*
 9 *subsections (d) and (e), respectively;*

10 *(2) by striking subsections (a) and (b) and in-*
 11 *serting the following:*

12 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c),*
 13 *any alien who—*

14 *“(1) has been denied admission, excluded, de-*
 15 *ported, removed, or has departed the United States*
 16 *while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal*
 17 *is outstanding; and*

18 *“(2) thereafter enters, attempts to enter, or is at*
 19 *any time found in, the United States, unless—*

20 *“(A) prior to the alien’s reembarkation at a*
 21 *place outside the United States or the alien’s ap-*
 22 *plication for admission from foreign contiguous*
 23 *territory, the Secretary of Homeland Security*
 24 *has expressly consented to such alien’s re-*
 25 *applying for admission; or*

1 “(B) with respect to an alien previously de-
2 nied admission and removed, such alien estab-
3 lishes that the alien was not required to obtain
4 such advance consent under this or any prior
5 Act,
6 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, impris-
7 oned not more than 10 years, or both.

8 “(b) *CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR REENTRY OF CERTAIN*
9 *REMOVED ALIENS.*—

10 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Notwithstanding the penalty
11 under subsection (a), and except as provided in sub-
12 section (c), an alien described in subsection (a)—

13 “(A) who was convicted before such removal
14 or departure of 3 or more misdemeanors involv-
15 ing drugs, crimes against the person, or both
16 shall be fined under title 18, United States Code,
17 imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both;

18 “(B) who has been excluded from the United
19 States pursuant to section 235(c) because the
20 alien was inadmissible under section
21 212(a)(3)(B) or who has been removed from the
22 United States pursuant to the provisions of title
23 V, and who thereafter, without the permission of
24 the Secretary of Homeland Security, enters the
25 United States, or attempts to do so, shall be

1 *fined under title 18, United States Code, and*
2 *imprisoned for a period of 10 years, which sen-*
3 *tence shall not run concurrently with any other*
4 *sentence;*

5 “(C) *who was removed from the United*
6 *States pursuant to section 241(a)(4)(B) who*
7 *thereafter, without the permission of the Sec-*
8 *retary of Homeland Security, enters, attempts to*
9 *enter, or is at any time found in, the United*
10 *States, shall be fined under title 18, United*
11 *States Code, imprisoned for not more than 10*
12 *years, or both; and*

13 “(D) *who has been denied admission, ex-*
14 *cluded, deported, or removed 3 or more times*
15 *and thereafter enters, attempts to enter, or is at*
16 *any time found in the United States, shall be*
17 *fined under title 18, United States Code, impris-*
18 *oned not more than 10 years, or both.*

19 “(2) *REMOVAL DEFINED.—In this subsection and*
20 *in subsection (c), the term ‘removal’ includes any*
21 *agreement in which an alien stipulates to removal*
22 *during (or not during) a criminal trial under either*
23 *Federal or State law.*

24 “(c) *MANDATORY MINIMUM CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR*
25 *REENTRY OF CERTAIN REMOVED ALIENS.—Notwith-*

1 *standing the penalties provided in subsections (a) and (b),*
2 *an alien described in subsection (a)—*

3 *“(1) who was convicted before such removal or*
4 *departure of—*

5 *“(A) any aggravated felony;*

6 *“(B) any crime defined as a felony by the*
7 *relevant jurisdiction (Federal, State, Tribal, or*
8 *local) of conviction; or*

9 *“(C) any crime punishable by more than 1*
10 *year of imprisonment; or*

11 *“(2) who was convicted under this section at*
12 *least 2 times before such removal or departure,*

13 *may be fined under title 18, United States Code, and shall*
14 *be imprisoned not less than 10 years and may be impris-*
15 *oned for any term of years or for life.”; and*

16 *(3) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-*
17 *graph (1)—*

18 *(A) by striking “section 242(h)(2)” and in-*
19 *serting “section 241(a)(4)”;* and

20 *(B) by striking “Attorney General” and in-*
21 *serting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.*

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