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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the eligibility requirements for asylum.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. LUNA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Refugees Using Legal
5 Entry Safely Act” or “RULES Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF ASYLUM ELIGIBILITY.**

7 Section 208(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(1) APPLICATION AT PORTS OF ENTRY.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who arrives
5 at a port of entry of the United States, irre-
6 spective of such alien’s status, may, only at
7 such a port of entry, apply for asylum in ac-
8 cordance with this section or, as applicable, sec-
9 tion 235(b).

10 “(B) PROHIBITION ON PAROLE OR RE-
11 LEASE INTO THE UNITED STATES.—Notwith-
12 standing section 236(a)(2), an alien applying
13 for asylum at a port of entry may not be pa-
14 roled or released into the United States.”;

15 (2) in paragraph (2)—

16 (A) by striking subparagraph (B)

17 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Sub-
18 ject to subparagraph (D), paragraph” and in-
19 sserting “Paragraph”;

20 (C) by striking subparagraph (D);

21 (D) in subparagraph (E), by striking
22 “Subparagraphs (A) and (B)” and inserting
23 “Subparagraph (A)”;

1 (E) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
2 and (E) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
3 tively; and

4 (F) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(D) EFFECT OF APPREHENSION IN THE
6 UNITED STATES.—Paragraph (1) shall not
7 apply to any alien who is apprehended by or re-
8 ferred to the Secretary of Homeland Security as
9 an alien who has entered the United States
10 without inspection and admission or who has
11 remained in the United States beyond the
12 alien’s period of authorized stay.”; and

13 (3) by striking “Attorney General” each place
14 it appears and inserting “Attorney General or the
15 Secretary of Homeland Security, as applicable,”.