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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Expatriate Terrorists
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPORTATION.**

7 (a) MANDATORY DETENTION.—Section 236A(a) of
8 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226a(a))
9 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “Deputy At-
2 torney General” each place it appears and inserting
3 “Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
4 forcement”;

5 (2) by striking “Attorney General” each place
6 such term appears and inserting “Secretary of
7 Homeland Security”;

8 (3) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the pe-
9 riod at the end the following: “, unless, with respect
10 to aliens described in section 237(a)(7), the Sec-
11 retary of Homeland Security determines such deten-
12 tion is not necessary to protect national security or
13 public safety”; and

14 (4) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “or
15 237(a)(4)(B)” and inserting “237(a)(4)(B), or
16 237(a)(7)”.

17 (b) ALIENS WHOSE NATURALIZATION HAS BEEN
18 REVOKED.—Section 237(a) of the Immigration and Na-
19 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
21 graph (8); and

22 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(7) DENATURALIZED CITIZENS.—Any alien
25 who has been denaturalized pursuant to section

1 340(d) or has relinquished his or her nationality
2 pursuant to section 349(a) is deportable.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EXPEDITED PROCEEDING AND PRIORITIZATION OF**
4 **REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING TER-**
5 **RORISM.**

6 Section 238 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
7 (8 U.S.C. 1228) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (c)
9 as subsection (d); and

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

11 “(e) EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS FOR CONVICTED
12 TERRORISTS AND SUPPORTERS OF TERRORISTS.—

13 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of this Act, if an individual has been
15 convicted of an offense under chapter 113B of title
16 18, United States Code, and is subject to
17 denaturalization proceedings under section 340(d),
18 the Secretary of Homeland Security may file for
19 mandatory docketing priority in an appropriate
20 United States district court for the removal of such
21 individual.

22 “(2) CONDUCT.—In any removal proceeding au-
23 thorized under paragraph (1)—

24 “(A) the court shall prioritize such pro-
25 ceeding on its docket;

1 “(B) a conviction described in paragraph
2 (1) shall create a rebuttable presumption of de-
3 portability under section 237(a)(7); and

4 “(C) removal proceedings may be initiated
5 concurrently with denaturalization proceedings,
6 provided that no removal order may be executed
7 until the denaturalization order is final.”.

8 **SEC. 4. JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN DENATURALIZATION**
9 **AND DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS.**

10 Section 240(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality
11 Act (8 U.S.C. 1229a(a)(3)) is amended by inserting “, in-
12 cluding aliens described in section 237(a)(7), subject to
13 review by the Board of Immigration Appeals in accordance
14 with subpart A of part 1003 of title 8, Code of Federal
15 Regulations” after “from the United States”.

16 **SEC. 5. ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR DENATURALIZATION.**

17 (a) **FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.**—Section
18 313(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
19 1424(a)) is amended—

20 (1) in each of paragraphs (1) through (5), by
21 striking “or” at the end;

22 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

1 “(7) who is or has been a member of, joined,
2 or swore allegiance to an organization designated as
3 a foreign terrorist organization under section 219.”.

4 (b) ACTS OF TERRORISM.—Section 340 of the Immi-
5 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1451) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), (f),
8 (g), and (h) as subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i),
9 respectively;

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(d)(1) Any person naturalized after September 30,
13 1996, who subsequently commits, conspires to commit, at-
14 tempts to commit, or materially supports the commission
15 of, an act of terrorism (as defined in section 2331 of title
16 18, United States Code, or section 212(a)(3)(B) of this
17 Act), provides material support or resources (as defined
18 in section 2339A(b) of title 18, United States Code) to
19 a designated foreign terrorist organization or to any indi-
20 vidual the person knew or reasonably should have known
21 was engaged in terrorism-related activity, or engages in
22 conduct that would constitute a violation of section 2339A,
23 2339B, 2339C, or 2339D of title 18, United States Code,
24 shall be considered, at the time he or she was natural-
25 ized—

1 “(A) to have not been attached to the principles
2 of the Constitution of the United States; and

3 “(B) to have not been well disposed to the good
4 order and happiness of the United States at the time
5 of naturalization.

6 “(2) In the absence of countervailing evidence, it shall
7 be sufficient in a proper proceeding—

8 “(A) to authorize the revocation and setting
9 aside of the order admitting any person described in
10 paragraph (1) to citizenship; and

11 “(B) to cancel the certificate of naturalization
12 as having been obtained by concealment of a mate-
13 rial fact or by willful misrepresentation.

14 “(3) The revocation and setting aside of the order
15 admitting a person described in paragraph (1) to citizen-
16 ship and the canceling of certificate of naturalization au-
17 thorized under paragraph (2) shall be effective as of the
18 original date of the order and certificate, respectively.”.

19 **SEC. 6. LOSS OF NATIONALITY DUE TO SUPPORT OF TER-**
20 **RORISM.**

21 Section 349(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
22 Act (8 U.S.C. 1481(a)) is amended—

23 (1) in each of paragraphs (1) through (5), by
24 striking “or” at the end;

1 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “relin-
2 quishing” and inserting “renouncing”;

3 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “or a political
4 subdivision thereof” and inserting “, a political sub-
5 division thereof, or a designated foreign terrorist or-
6 ganization”;

7 (4) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(3) entering, or serving in, the military or an
10 armed group of a foreign state or of a designated
11 foreign terrorist organization if—

12 “(A) such armed forces are—

13 “(i) engaged in hostilities against the
14 United States; or

15 “(ii) intentionally targeting nationals
16 of the United States for acts of terror; or

17 “(B) such person serves as a commissioned
18 or noncommissioned officer;”.

19 (5) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6),
20 and (7) as paragraphs (5), (6), (7), and (8), respec-
21 tively;

22 (6) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(4) becoming a member of, swearing an oath
25 of allegiance to, providing training or material as-

1 sistance to, or serving in a leadership, operational,
2 logistical, financial, or recruiting capacity for, any
3 organization designated as a foreign terrorist organi-
4 zation under section 219 that such person knows, or
5 has reason to know—

6 “(A) will engage in hostilities against the
7 United States; or

8 “(B) will commit acts of terror against the
9 United States or nationals of the United
10 States;”;

11 (7) in paragraph (5), as redesignated—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “he”
13 and inserting “the person knowingly”; and

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “alle-
15 giance is required; or” and inserting “allegiance
16 to the foreign state or political subdivision is re-
17 quired;”; and

18 (8) in paragraph (8), as redesignated, by insert-
19 ing “or conspiring to provide or attempting to pro-
20 vide material support or resources to a foreign ter-
21 rorist organization,” after “levy war against them,”.