

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8704

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit the grounds of deportability for certain relatives of members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 12, 2022

Mr. GALLEGO introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Protecting Immigrant
5 Gold Star and Military Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITING GROUNDS OF DEPORTABILITY FOR REL-**
2 **ATIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES AND VETERANS.**

4 Section 237 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
5 (8 U.S.C. 1227) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(e) ALIEN RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF THE
8 ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS.—The provisions of this
9 section shall not apply to an alien who—

10 “(1) is—

11 “(A) the spouse, widow or widower, parent,
12 son or daughter, or sibling of—

13 “(i) a member of the Armed Forces of
14 the United States; or

15 “(ii) a veteran (as that term is de-
16 fined in section 101 of title 38, United
17 States Code); or

18 “(B) eligible for the Gold Star lapel button
19 under section 1126 of title 10, United States
20 Code;

21 “(2) has not been convicted of—

22 “(A) a felony;

23 “(B) a significant misdemeanor (as such
24 term is defined in section 2 of the Restoring
25 Respect for Immigrant Service in Uniform Act);

26 or

1 “(C) three or more misdemeanors that are
2 not significant misdemeanors, each of which oc-
3 curred on a different date, and arose out of sep-
4 arate conduct; and
5 “(3) is not otherwise a threat to national secu-
6 rity or public safety.”.

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