

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 398

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien who has been convicted of a crime is ineligible for asylum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mr. RICE of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien who has been convicted of a crime is ineligible for asylum, and for other purposes.

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 “No Asylum for Crimi-
5 nals Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALIENS CONVICTED OF CRIMES INELIGIBLE FOR**
2 **ASYLUM.**

3 Clause (ii) of section 208(b)(2) of the Immigration
4 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended—

5 (1) by amending clause (ii) of subparagraph (A)
6 to read as follows:

7 “(ii) except as provided in subpara-
8 graph (B), the alien has been finally con-
9 victed of a crime;”; and

10 (2) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as
11 follows:

12 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of
13 Homeland Security may designate by regulation
14 political offenses committed outside the United
15 States that will be not considered to be a crime
16 described in clause (ii). The authority under
17 this subparagraph is limited to political offenses
18 committed outside the United States.”.

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