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H. R. 5178

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to investigate and remove aliens providing false information about drug-related grounds of inadmissibility.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEUBE 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 “Substance and Posses-
5 sion Abuse Restrictions for Entrance Act of 2023” or the
6 “SPARE Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND REMOVE**
2 **ALIENS PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION**
3 **ABOUT DRUG-RELATED GROUNDS OF INAD-**
4 **MISSIBILITY.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 60 days after re-
6 ceiving credible information that an alien knowingly pro-
7 vided false information on an application for admission to
8 the United States related to whether the alien was inad-
9 missible under paragraph (1)(A)(iv) or paragraph
10 (2)(A)(i)(II) of section 212(a) of the Immigration and Na-
11 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(1)(A)(iv), (2)(A)(i)(II)),
12 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

13 (1) investigate such information; and
14 (2) if the Secretary determines that at the time
15 of the alien’s admission the alien was so inadmis-
16 sible, initiate removal proceedings under section 239
17 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
18 1229).

19 (b) **PERMANENT BAR TO REENTRY.**—Notwith-
20 standing any other provision of law, an alien who is re-
21 moved pursuant to subsection (a)(2) may not seek admis-
22 sion to the United States at any time after such removal.

23 (c) **WAIVERS SUBJECT TO FOIA.**—A waiver under
24 subsection (d)(3)(A) or subsection (h) of section 212 of
25 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
26 1182(d)(3)(A), (h)) of the ground of inadmissibility under

1 paragraph (1)(A)(iv) or paragraph (2)(A)(i)(II) of section
2 212(a) of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(1)(A)(iv),
3 (2)(A)(i)(II)) granted by the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
4 rity for an alien seeking admission to the United States
5 shall be subject to section 552 of title 5, United States
6 Code (commonly referred to as the “Freedom of Informa-
7 tion Act”).

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