

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7139

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien may only apply for asylum at a designated port of arrival, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2018

Mr. GOHMERT 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 “Asylum at Designated
5 Arrival Ports and Terminals Act 2018” or the “ADAPT
6 Act of 2018”.

7 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON APPLICATION FOR ASYLUM.**

8 The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101
9 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 208(a) (8 U.S.C. 1158(a))—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) by striking “is physically present
4 in the United States or who arrives in the
5 United States (whether or not at a des-
6 ignated port of arrival and including an
7 alien who is brought to the United States
8 after having been interdicted in inter-
9 national or United States waters), irrespec-
10 tive of such alien’s status,” and inserting
11 “who arrives in the United States at a des-
12 ignated port of arrival”; and

13 (ii) by inserting before the period at
14 the end the following: “only if the alien ap-
15 plies for asylum at a designated port of ar-
16 rival”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
18 “within 1 year after the date of” and inserting
19 “immediately upon”; and

20 (2) in section 235(b)(1)(B) (8 U.S.C.
21 1225(b)(1)(B)), by striking “or is described in
22 clause (iii)”.

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