

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7959

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to inadmissibility and deportability related to squatting.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2024

Mr. MEUSER (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Mr. CRENSHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Safeguarding Homes  
5 from Illegal Entry, Living, and Dwelling Act” or the  
6 “SHIELD Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED**  
2 **TO SQUATTING.**

3 (a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) of the Im-  
4 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(J) TRESPASS.—Any alien who has been  
7 convicted of, who admits having committed, or  
8 who admits committing acts which constitute  
9 the essential elements of an offense for tres-  
10 pass, as those terms are defined under the law  
11 of the jurisdiction where the conviction, offense,  
12 or acts constituting the essential elements of  
13 the offense occurred, without regard to whether  
14 the conviction or offense is classified as a mis-  
15 demeanor or felony under Federal, State, tribal,  
16 or local law, is inadmissible.”.

17 (b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) of the Im-  
18 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is  
19 amended by adding at the end the following:

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21 convicted of, who admits having committed, or  
22 who admits committing acts which constitute  
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