

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4638

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien who has been convicted of harming animals used in law enforcement is inadmissible and deportable, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2025

Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ISSA, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. RULLI, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, and Mr. BACON) 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 “Bill to Outlaw Wound-
5 ing of Official Working Animals Act” or the “BOWOW
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED**
2 **TO HARMING ANIMALS USED IN LAW EN-**
3 **FORCEMENT.**

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

7 “(J) HARMING ANIMALS USED IN LAW EN-
8 FORCEMENT.—Any alien who has been con-
9 victed of, who admits having committed, or who
10 admits committing acts which constitute the es-
11 sential elements of an offense under section
12 1368 of title 18, United States Code (relating
13 to harming animals used in law enforcement),
14 is inadmissible.”.

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

18 “(G) HARMING ANIMALS USED IN LAW EN-
19 FORCEMENT.—Any alien who has been con-
20 victed of, who admits having committed, or who
21 admits committing acts which constitute the es-
22 sential elements of an offense under section
23 1368 of title 18, United States Code (relating
24 to harming animals used in law enforcement),
25 is deportable.”.