

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7544

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien convicted of an offense involving animal cruelty is inadmissible and deportable, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Ms. MACE 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 “Illegal Alien Animal
5 Abuser Removal Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED**
2 **TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.**

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) ANIMAL CRUELTY AND ANIMAL
7 FIGHTING.—Any alien who has been convicted
8 of, who admits having committed, or who ad-
9 mits committing acts constituting the essential
10 elements of—

11 “(i) an offense under sections 48 or
12 49 of title 18, United States Code; or

13 “(ii) an offense under State, Tribal,
14 or local law, an essential element of which
15 is animal cruelty, animal abuse, or animal
16 fighting, regardless of whether such of-
17 fense is classified as a misdemeanor or fel-
18 ony under State, Tribal, or local law,
19 is inadmissible.”.

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

23 “(G) ANIMAL CRUELTY AND ANIMAL
24 FIGHTING.—Any alien who has been convicted
25 of—

1 “(i) an offense under sections 48 or
2 49 of title 18, United States Code; or

3 “(ii) an offense under State, Tribal,
4 or local law, an essential element of which
5 is animal cruelty, animal abuse, or animal
6 fighting, regardless of whether such of-
7 fense is classified as a misdemeanor or fel-
8 ony under State, Tribal, or local law,
9 is deportable.”.

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