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# H. R. 871

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the eligibility requirements for asylum.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2025

Mrs. LUNA (for herself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. RULLI) 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 “Refugees Using Legal  
5 Entry Safely Act” or “RULES Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF ASYLUM ELIGIBILITY.**

7 Section 208(a) of the Immigration and Nationality  
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(a)) is amended—

9 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-  
10 lows:

1 “(1) APPLICATION AT PORTS OF ENTRY.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who arrives  
3 at a port of entry of the United States, irre-  
4 spective of such alien’s status, may, only at  
5 such a port of entry, apply for asylum in ac-  
6 cordance with this section or, as applicable, sec-  
7 tion 235(b).

8 “(B) PROHIBITION ON PAROLE OR RE-  
9 LEASE INTO THE UNITED STATES.—Notwith-  
10 standing section 236(a)(2), an alien applying  
11 for asylum at a port of entry may not be pa-  
12 roled or released into the United States.”;

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) by striking subparagraph (B);

15 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Sub-  
16 ject to subparagraph (D), paragraph” and in-  
17 serting “Paragraph”;

18 (C) by striking subparagraph (D);

19 (D) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
20 “Subparagraphs (A) and (B)” and inserting  
21 “Subparagraph (A)”;

22 (E) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)  
23 and (E) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-  
24 tively; and

25 (F) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(D) EFFECT OF APPREHENSION IN THE  
2           UNITED STATES.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
3           apply to any alien who is apprehended by or re-  
4           ferred to the Secretary of Homeland Security as  
5           an alien who has entered the United States  
6           without inspection and admission or who has  
7           remained in the United States beyond the  
8           alien’s period of authorized stay.”; and  
9           (3) by striking “Attorney General” each place  
10          it appears and inserting “Attorney General or the  
11          Secretary of Homeland Security, as applicable,”.

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