

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8847

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense that violates certain State or Federal hunting or fishing laws are inadmissible and deportable.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2026

Mr. BURCHETT (for himself and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) 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 “Deporting Illegal
5 Poachers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED**
2 **TO HUNTING AND FISHING VIOLATIONS.**

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 new subpara-
6 graph:

7 “(J) VIOLATION OF HUNTING OR FISHING
8 LAWS.—Any alien who has been convicted of,
9 who admits having committed, or who admits
10 committing acts which constitute the essential
11 elements of a violation of any Federal or State
12 law relating to—

13 “(i) hunting, trapping, or fishing
14 without a valid license or permit required
15 under such law; or

16 “(ii) illegal hunting or fishing (includ-
17 ing taking wildlife or fish in violation of
18 season, bag limit, method, location, or pro-
19 tected species rules),

20 as those terms are defined under the law of the
21 jurisdiction where the conviction, offense, or
22 acts constituting the essential elements of the
23 offense occurred, without regard to whether the
24 conviction or offense is classified as a mis-
25 demeanor or felony under Federal, State, Trib-
26 al, or local law, is inadmissible.”.

1 (b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) of the Im-
2 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-
4 graph:

5 “(G) VIOLATION OF HUNTING OR FISHING
6 LAWS.—Any alien who has been convicted of a
7 violation described in section 212(a)(2)(J) is
8 deportable.”.

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