

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 9294

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2026

Ms. PETERSEN (for herself, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. CROW, and Ms. DEGETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Oversight of Tem-  
5 porary ICE Holding Cells Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EXTENDED DETENTION IN HOLD-**  
2 **ING ROOMS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
4 rity may not detain an individual in a holding room for  
5 more than 12 hours.

6 (b) **HOLDING ROOM DEFINED.**—In this Act, the  
7 term “holding room” means a secure area used for tem-  
8 porary confinement of any detained individual before in-  
9 take processing, institutional appointments (including  
10 court and medical appointments), release, transfer to an-  
11 other facility, or removal-related transportation.

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