

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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 “Deporting Fraudsters  
5       Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED**  
2 **TO DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES GOV-**  
3 **ERNMENT OR UNLAWFULLY RECEIVING PUB-**  
4 **LIC BENEFITS.**

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

8 “(J) DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES  
9 GOVERNMENT OR UNLAWFULLY RECEIVING  
10 PUBLIC BENEFITS.—Any alien who has been  
11 convicted of, who admits having committed, or  
12 who admits committing acts constituting the es-  
13 sential elements of, an offense that involves de-  
14 frauding the United States Government or un-  
15 lawfully receiving a Federal public benefit (as  
16 such term is defined in section 401(c) of the  
17 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity  
18 Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1611(c))  
19 or a State or local public benefit (as such term  
20 is defined in section 411(c) of such Act (8  
21 U.S.C. 1621(c)), or a conspiracy to commit  
22 such an offense, is inadmissible.”.

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

1                   “(G) DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES  
2                   GOVERNMENT OR UNLAWFULLY RECEIVING  
3                   PUBLIC BENEFITS.—Any alien who has been  
4                   convicted of an offense that involves defrauding  
5                   the United States Government or unlawfully re-  
6                   ceiving a Federal public benefit (as such term  
7                   is defined in section 401(c) of the Personal Re-  
8                   sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconcili-  
9                   ation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1611(c)) or a State  
10                  or local public benefit (as such term is defined  
11                  in section 411(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C.  
12                  1621(c)), or a conspiracy to commit such an of-  
13                  fense, is deportable.”.