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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to treatment of aliens who claim asylum after passing through a third country which could provide asylum.

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Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. SAXTON) 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. LIMITATION ON ASYLUM FOR ALIENS WHO**
4 **PASS THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 208 of the Immigration
6 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158) is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following new subsection:

1 “(f)(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), an alien
2 may not apply for asylum in the United States (or be
3 granted asylum) if the alien, after departing from the
4 country of the alien’s nationality (or, in the case of an
5 alien having no nationality, the country in which the alien
6 last habitually resided) and before arriving at the United
7 States, passed through another country (in this subsection
8 referred to as a ‘country of safe haven’) which the Sec-
9 retary of State has identified as providing asylum or safe
10 haven to refugees.

11 “(2) In the case of an alien who is prohibited from
12 applying for asylum under paragraph (1) and who is ex-
13 cluded from admission or deported, notwithstanding sec-
14 tions 237(a) and 243(a), the removal of the alien shall
15 first be to the country of safe haven.

16 “(3) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an alien if the
17 alien establishes to an appropriate immigration officer all
18 of the following:

19 “(A) The alien seeks to apply for asylum after
20 admission to the United States as a nonimmigrant
21 visitor for business or pleasure under section
22 101(a)(15)(B).

23 “(B) The alien was not a refugee at the time
24 at which the alien passed through the country of
25 safe haven, and

1 “(C) The alien is such a refugee because of ma-
2 terial changes in circumstances of the alien’s native
3 country since the date of such passage.

4 “(4) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an alien if the
5 alien establishes to an appropriate immigration officer
6 that the alien—

7 “(A) has previously been returned to the coun-
8 try of safe haven and has been denied admission, or

9 “(B) has a clear probability of persecution in
10 that country of safe haven if returned to that coun-
11 try on account of race, religion, nationality, member-
12 ship in a particular social group, or political opinion.

13 “(5) The Attorney General shall provide a process for
14 the review of determinations under paragraphs (3) and
15 (4). During the pendency of such review, the alien shall
16 be detained at a detention center of the Service and shall
17 not be provided employment authorization by the Service.

18 “(6) In this subsection, the term ‘detention center of
19 the Service’ includes any detention facility operated by (or
20 under the supervision, regulation, or contract of) the Serv-
21 ice.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The Secretary of State
23 shall first publish a list of countries providing asylum or
24 safe haven to refugees by not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (2) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall
2 apply to aliens who seek to apply for asylum on or after
3 15 days after the date such list is first published.

4 **SEC. 2. NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL**
5 **SIGNATORIES REGARDING LIMITATION ON**
6 **ASYLUM REQUESTS.**

7 The Secretary of State shall actively engage in nego-
8 tiations with the foreign ministers of countries that are
9 signatories either of the Geneva Convention Relating to
10 the Status of Refugees (done on July 28, 1951) or of the
11 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (done in New
12 York on January 31, 1967) in order to establish uniform
13 international procedures limiting asylum requests of indi-
14 viduals fleeing persecution in a country to the first country
15 a refugee passes through that is such a signatory and that
16 does not persecute such a refugee.

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