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H. R. 8804

To amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to DNA test family units.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2024

Mrs. LUNA (for herself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. BACON, and Mr. BIGGS) 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 “Family Reunification
5 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO DNA TEST FAMILY UNITS.**

7 Section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
8 (8 U.S.C. 1357) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(i)(1) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall
2 issue regulations to require the rapid DNA testing of each
3 alien lacking authorization to enter the United States and
4 presenting as a member of a family unit, either at a U.S.
5 port of entry or upon apprehension between such ports.
6 If such test—

7 “(A) demonstrates an immediate family re-
8 lationship, then the family unit may be detained
9 as a unit, pending the confirmation of such re-
10 sults by laboratory DNA testing; or

11 “(B) does not demonstrate an immediate
12 family relationship, then the family unit shall
13 be separated, pending the confirmation of such
14 results by laboratory DNA testing.

15 “(2) In the case that an immediate family rela-
16 tionship is not demonstrated pursuant to paragraph
17 (1), any child with family unit shall be considered an
18 unaccompanied alien child (as such term is defined
19 in section 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act
20 of 2002).

21 “(3) For the purposes of this subsection, the
22 term ‘family unit’ means two or more aliens, includ-
23 ing at least one alien minor child and at least one

- 1 alien adult presenting as such child's parent or legal
- 2 guardian.".

