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S. 200

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the eligibility requirements for asylum.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MORENO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Refugees Using Legal
5 Entry Safely Act” or “RULES Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF ASYLUM ELIGIBILITY.**

7 Section 208(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(a)) is amended—

9 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
10 lows:

1 “(1) APPLICATION AT PORTS OF ENTRY.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who arrives
3 at a port of entry of the United States, irre-
4 spective of such alien’s status, may, only at
5 such a port of entry, apply for asylum in ac-
6 cordance with this section or, as applicable, sec-
7 tion 235(b).

8 “(B) PROHIBITION ON PAROLE OR RE-
9 LEASE INTO THE UNITED STATES.—Notwith-
10 standing section 236(a)(2), an alien applying
11 for asylum at a port of entry may not be pa-
12 roled or released into the United States.”;

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) by striking subparagraph (B)

15 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Sub-
16 ject to subparagraph (D), paragraph” and in-
17 serting “Paragraph”;

18 (C) by striking subparagraph (D);

19 (D) in subparagraph (E), by striking
20 “Subparagraphs (A) and (B)” and inserting
21 “Subparagraph (A)”;

22 (E) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
23 and (E) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
24 tively; and

25 (F) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(D) EFFECT OF APPREHENSION IN THE
2 UNITED STATES.—Paragraph (1) shall not
3 apply to any alien who is apprehended by or re-
4 ferred to the Secretary of Homeland Security as
5 an alien who has entered the United States
6 without inspection and admission or who has
7 remained in the United States beyond the
8 alien’s period of authorized stay.”; and
9 (3) by striking “Attorney General” each place
10 it appears and inserting “Attorney General or the
11 Secretary of Homeland Security, as applicable,”.

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