

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to require that individuals who commit human trafficking violations be permanently disqualified from obtaining certain licenses issued by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Trafficker Restrictions
5 for Aviation, Federal Freight, and Interstate Carriers Act
6 of 2025” of the “TRAFFIC Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR HUMAN TRAF-**
2 **FICKING VIOLATIONS.**

3 (a) MERCHANT SEAMEN LICENSES, CERTIFICATES,
4 AND DOCUMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 75 of title 46,
6 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

8 **“§ 7512. Human trafficking as grounds for denial**

9 “A license, certificate, or merchant mariner’s docu-
10 ment authorized to be issued under this part shall be de-
11 nied to an individual who has been convicted of—

12 “(1) an offense prohibited under chapter 77 of
13 title 18; or

14 “(2) a substantially similar offense prohibited
15 under—

16 “(A) any other Federal law; or

17 “(B) a State, local, or Tribal law.”.

18 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
19 chapter 75 of title 46, United States Code, is
20 amended by adding at the end the following:

“7512. Human trafficking as grounds for denial.”.

21 (b) LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION OF LOCOMOTIVE
22 OPERATORS.—Section 20135 of title 49, United States
23 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(f) HUMAN TRAFFICKING VIOLATIONS.—The Sec-
25 retary may not issue a license or certification described

1 under this section to an individual who has been convicted
2 of—

3 “(1) an offense prohibited under chapter 77 of
4 title 18; or

5 “(2) a substantially similar offense prohibited
6 under—

7 “(A) any other Federal law; or

8 “(B) a State, local, or Tribal law.”.

9 (c) CERTIFICATION OF TRAIN CONDUCTORS.—Sec-
10 tion 20163 of title 49, United States Code, is amended
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 “(c) HUMAN TRAFFICKING VIOLATIONS.—In devel-
13 oping the regulations required by subsection (a), the Sec-
14 retary may not permit a certification described under this
15 section to be issued to an individual who has been con-
16 victed of—

17 “(1) an offense prohibited under chapter 77 of
18 title 18; or

19 “(2) a substantially similar offense prohibited
20 under—

21 “(A) any other Federal law; or

22 “(B) a State, local, or Tribal law.”.

23 (d) COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSES.—Section
24 31310(d)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended
25 by striking “who uses a commercial motor vehicle in com-

1 mitting a felony involving an act or practice described in
2 paragraph (9) of section 103 of the Trafficking Victims
3 Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(9))” and insert-
4 ing the following: “who has been convicted of—

5 “(1) an offense prohibited under chapter 77 of
6 title 18; or

7 “(2) a substantially similar offense prohibited
8 under—

9 “(A) any other Federal law; or

10 “(B) a State, local, or Tribal law.”.

11 (e) PILOT CERTIFICATE PERMANENT DISQUALIFICA-
12 TION.—Section 44703 of title 49, United States Code, is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(m) HUMAN TRAFFICKING VIOLATIONS.—The Ad-
15 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may
16 not issue an airman certificate to any individual who has
17 been convicted of—

18 “(1) an offense prohibited under chapter 77 of
19 title 18; or

20 “(2) a substantially similar offense prohibited
21 under—

22 “(A) any other Federal law; or

23 “(B) a State, local, or Tribal law.”.

24 (f) OTHER LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND AUTHOR-
25 IZATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation or
3 the Secretary of Homeland Security, as applicable,
4 shall disqualify from receiving or holding a docu-
5 ment or authorization described in paragraph (2)
6 any individual who has been convicted of—

7 (A) an offense prohibited under chapter 77
8 of title 18, United States Code; or

9 (B) a substantially similar offense prohib-
10 ited under—

11 (i) any other Federal law; or

12 (ii) a State, local, or Tribal law.

13 (2) DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS DE-
14 SCRIBED.—A document or authorization referred to
15 in paragraph (1) is a license, certificate, or other
16 document or authorization—

17 (A) that is issued by the Department of
18 Transportation or the Department of Homeland
19 Security;

20 (B) that authorizes or otherwise relates to
21 the operation of any vehicle, aircraft, vessel, or
22 other form of transportation; and

23 (C) the issuance or holding of which is not
24 addressed by—

- 1 (i) section 7512 of title 46, United
2 States Code; or
- 3 (ii) section 20135(f), 20163(c),
4 31310(d)(2), or 44703(m) of title 49,
5 United States Code.