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To amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNETT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. DISPLACED PERSONS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AS-**
4 **SISTANCE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Uniform Relocation
6 Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of
7 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 104. DISPLACED PERSONS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AS-**
2 **SISTANCE.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (c), a displaced person shall not be eligible to receive relo-
5 cation payments or any other assistance under this Act
6 if the displaced person is an alien not lawfully present in
7 the United States.

8 “(b) DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY.—

9 “(1) PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS.—Not
10 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of
11 this section, after providing notice and an oppor-
12 tunity for public comment, the head of the lead
13 agency shall promulgate regulations to carry out
14 subsection (a).

15 “(2) CONTENTS OF REGULATIONS.—Regula-
16 tions promulgated under paragraph (1) shall—

17 “(A) prescribe the processes, procedures,
18 and information that a displacing agency must
19 use in determining whether a displaced person
20 is an alien not lawfully present in the United
21 States;

22 “(B) prohibit a displacing agency from dis-
23 criminating, under this Act, against any dis-
24 placed person on the basis of race, color, or na-
25 tional origin;

1 “(C) ensure that each eligibility determina-
2 tion is fair and based on reliable information;
3 and

4 “(D) prescribe standards for a displacing
5 agency to apply in making determinations relat-
6 ing to exceptional and extremely unusual hard-
7 ship under subsection (c).

8 “(c) EXCEPTIONAL AND EXTREMELY UNUSUAL
9 HARDSHIP.—If a displacing agency determines by clear
10 and convincing evidence that a determination of the ineli-
11 gibility of a displaced person under subsection (a) would
12 result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to
13 an individual who is the displaced person’s spouse, parent,
14 or child and who is a citizen of the United States or an
15 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the
16 United States, the displacing agency shall provide reloca-
17 tion payments and other assistance to the displaced person
18 under this Act if the displaced person would be eligible
19 for the assistance but for subsection (a).

20 “(d) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—
21 Nothing in this section affects any right available to a dis-
22 placed person under any other provision of Federal or
23 State law.”.

1 **SEC. 2. DUTIES OF LEAD AGENCY.**

2 Section 213(a) of the Uniform Relocation Assistance
3 and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42
4 U.S.C. 4633(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and
6 (4) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-
8 ing:

9 “(2) provide, in consultation with the Attorney
10 General (acting through the Commissioner of the
11 Immigration and Naturalization Service), through
12 training and technical assistance activities for dis-
13 placing agencies, information developed with the At-
14 torney General (acting through the Commissioner)
15 on proper implementation of section 104;

16 “(3) ensure that displacing agencies implement
17 section 104 fairly and without discrimination in ac-
18 cordance with section 104(b)(2)(B);”.

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