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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require a DNA test to determine the familial relationship between an alien and an accompanying minor, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. ERNST) 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 “End Child Trafficking
5 Now Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DNA TESTING.**

2 The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101
3 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 211 the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“SEC. 211A. FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DOCUMENTARY RE-**
6 **QUIREMENTS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
8 (b), an alien who has attained 18 years of age may not
9 be admitted into the United States with a minor.

10 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—An alien described in subsection
11 (a) may be admitted into the United States with a minor
12 if—

13 “(1) the alien presents to the Secretary of
14 Homeland Security—

15 “(A) one or more documents that prove
16 that the alien is a relative or guardian of the
17 minor; and

18 “(B) a witness that testifies that the alien
19 is a relative or guardian of the minor; or

20 “(2) a DNA test administered by the Secretary
21 of Health and Human Services proves that the alien
22 is a relative of the minor.

23 “(c) ADMINISTRATION OF DNA TEST.—The Sec-
24 retary of Homeland Security shall request, and the Sec-
25 retary of Health and Human Services shall administer, a
26 DNA test only in a case in which the Secretary of Home-

1 land Security is unable to determine, based on the evi-
2 dence presented under paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
3 section (b), that the alien is a relative or guardian of the
4 minor accompanying the alien.

5 “(d) DENIAL OF CONSENT.—

6 “(1) ALIEN.—An alien described in subsection
7 (a) is inadmissible if—

8 “(A) the Secretary of Homeland Security
9 determines that the alien has presented insuffi-
10 cient evidence under subsection (b)(1) to prove
11 that the alien is a relative of the minor; and

12 “(B) the alien refuses to consent to a DNA
13 test.

14 “(2) MINOR.—A minor accompanying an alien
15 who is inadmissible under paragraph (1) shall be
16 treated as an unaccompanied alien child (as defined
17 in section 462(g) of the Homeland Security Act of
18 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279(g))).

19 “(e) DNA TEST RESULTS.—In a case in which the
20 results of the DNA test fail to prove that the alien de-
21 scribed in subsection (a) is a relative of a minor accom-
22 panying the alien, an immigration officer shall conduct
23 interviews as necessary to determine whether the alien is
24 a relative or guardian of the minor.

1 “(f) ARREST.—An immigration officer may arrest,
 2 pursuant to section 287, an alien described in subsection
 3 (a) if the immigration officer—

4 “(1) determines, after conducting interviews
 5 pursuant to subsection (d), that the alien is not re-
 6 lated to the minor accompanying the alien; and

7 “(2) has reason to believe that the alien is
 8 guilty of a felony offense, including the offenses of
 9 human trafficking, recycling of a minor, and alien
 10 smuggling.

11 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

12 “(1) MINOR.—The term ‘minor’ means an alien
 13 who has not attained 18 years of age.

14 “(2) RECYCLING.—the term ‘recycling’ means,
 15 with respect to a minor, that the minor is being used
 16 to enter the United States on more than 1 occasion,
 17 by an alien who has attained 18 years of age and
 18 is not the relative or the guardian of the minor.

19 “(3) RELATIVE.—the term ‘relative’ means an
 20 individual related by consanguinity within the second
 21 degree, as determined by common law.”.

22 **SEC. 3. CRIMINALIZING RECYCLING OF MINORS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 69 of title 18, United
 24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 25 lowing:

1 **“§ 1430. Recycling of minors**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, being 18 years of age
3 or over, knowingly uses, for the purpose of entering the
4 United States, a minor to whom the individual is not a
5 relative or guardian, shall be fined under this title, impris-
6 oned not more than 10 years, or both.

7 “(b) RELATIVE.—In this section, the term ‘relative’
8 means an individual related by consanguinity within the
9 second degree as determined by common law.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 for chapter 69 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
12 by adding at the end the following new item:

“1430. Recycling of minors.”.

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