

# **Southeast Asian Deportation Relief Act of 2023**

## **Section by Section**

### **Section 1. Title**

### **Section 2. Findings**

### **Section 3. LIMITATION ON THE DETENTION AND REMOVAL OF NATIONALS OF CAMBODIA, LAOS, AND VIETNAM**

(a) Establishes that nationals of Laos, Cambodia, or Vietnam subject to a final order of removal, who entered the United States on or before January 1, 2008, and have resided in the U.S. continuously since that time may not be detained or deported by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

(b) Permanently authorizes employment for those described in subsection (a) so they can make a living and support their families

(c) Establishes virtual ICE check-ins rather than in-person check-ins, and at the frequency of every 5 years.

### **Section 4. RECONSIDERING AND REOPENING IMMIGRATION CASES**

(a) Provides relief to Southeast Asian refugees who otherwise upon enactment of this bill would have been eligible for relief as described in Section 3(a) who have already been deported by establishing a pathway to return to the United States. It allows for Southeast Asian individuals to reopen their cases, come back home to the U.S., and reunite with their families and communities.

(b)-(c) Allows Southeast Asian refugees who are still in the U.S. to reopen their deportation cases so they can vacate their deportation orders and remain in the U.S.

(d) Provides that the Secretary of Homeland Security in coordination with the Secretary of state shall provide transportation and travel documents for those eligible for reopening or reconsideration of their proceedings under this section, at the Government's expense

(e) Removes the physical presence requirement for those eligible under this section.

(f) Provides that the denial of a motion to reconsider or reopen shall be subject to judicial review.

### **Section 5. NOTICE FOR CERTAIN NATIONALS OF CAMBODIA, LAOS, AND VIETNAM WITH REMOVAL ORDERS**

(a) Establishes that 60 days after enactment, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide, to the extent possible, a notice of provisions of this act to individuals eligible under section 3(a) to those individuals who have already been subject to deportation as described in section 4(a)

### **Section 6. JUDICIAL REVIEW**

(a) Establishes right to judicial review for individual or entity harmed by violation of this act.