

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2981

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the 1-year  
deadline for application for asylum in the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California)  
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the  
Judiciary

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## A BILL

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the 1-year deadline for application for asylum in the  
United States.

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 “Restoring Protection  
5 to Victims of Persecution Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF 1-YEAR ASYLUM APPLICATION**  
7 **DEADLINE.**

8 Section 208(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality  
9 Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(a)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking subparagraph (B);

2 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D),  
3 and (E) as subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D), respec-  
4 tively;

5 (3) in subparagraph (B), as redesignated by  
6 paragraph (2), by striking “subparagraph (D)” and  
7 inserting “subparagraph (C)”;

8 (4) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated by  
9 paragraph (2)—

10 (A) by striking “subparagraphs (B) and  
11 (C)” and inserting “subparagraph (B)”;

12 (B) by striking “either”; and

13 (C) by striking “or extraordinary cir-  
14 cumstances relating to the delay in filing an ap-  
15 plication within the period specified in subpara-  
16 graph (B)”;

17 (5) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated by  
18 paragraph (2), by striking “Subparagraphs (A) and  
19 (B)” and inserting “Subparagraph (A)”.

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